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Begin: We are ready to discuss cease-fire in South Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies
Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday expressed Israel's willingness "to discuss, without delay, a general cease-fire in southern Lebanon."
He stressed that Israel was interested in "quiet on all its borders so that it might begin serious and fundamental negotiations to put an end to the conflict" with its Arab neighbors.
Begin was speaking at a Yom Kippur War memorial gathering at the Yotvater B'nayim paratroopers' memorial attended by President Ezer Weizman, Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon and army commanders.
Israel has meanwhile warned that it would not move its troops north of the Marjayoun salient unless it was viewed with "utmost civility."
The warning was conveyed through the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, where contacts have been taking place between Israel and U.S. officials since Saturday. Defence Minister Ezer Weizman first met the charge d'affaires at the embassy, Richard Wich, on Saturday to discuss the situation in southern Lebanon.
Israel also conveyed the fact that it has no intention of taking control of southern Lebanon, and is solely concerned with the maintenance of peace in the area.

militias last night claimed that they had overrun strategic hilltops in a renewed push to drive Palestinian terrorists out of a Christian-controlled enclave along Israel's northern border.
Reports from Beirut and Sidon said the Lebanese drive was supported by Israeli troops, setting alarm bells ringing among Syrian forces stationed north of the Litani River. But correspondents who toured the southernmost Syrian positions said that although they noted a slight increase of activity at some points, there was no indication the Syrians had made, or were preparing, any move to extend their current positions further south.
Israeli jets were also reported over the southern Lebanese ports of Sidon and Tyre, the shell-battered inland market town of Nabatiyah and the main battle zone of Marjayoun in the southeast. A Lebanese reporter in Sidon quoted reports from Tyre as saying "many Israeli boats were spotted at dawn offshore near Tyre harbour."
Officials in Jerusalem have, however, repeatedly denied direct military involvement in the latest flare-up in southern Lebanon, although they have admitted providing artillery, logistical and other support for the Lebanese militias.
In a dispatch from Tel Aviv, however, UPI quoted witnesses as saying that Israeli forces in half-tracks were observed moving out of Lebanon across the northern frontier

yesterday. The agency claimed that the military censorship prohibited publication of further details of the operation.
The Beirut-based Christian "Voice of Lebanon" radio said that the latest battles for strategic hilltop positions in the south have left "many Palestinians dead and wounded." The positions were said to overlook a major route linking southern Lebanon with the port of Tyre, where ships flying Egyptian and Cypriot flags have reportedly been unloading equipment for Palestinian and leftist forces.
Terrorist spokesmen withheld comment on reports of Christian gains in the south, but PLO leader Yasser Arafat yesterday sent an urgent appeal to Arab states for immediate help. The Palestine News Agency, Wafa, reported that his message said Israeli forces were attacking the villages of Khayam, al-Miri and Tel Al-Saght.
The heaviest fighting appears to be around Khayam.
Shellfire from the fighting in southern Lebanon fell near Metulla yesterday and military authorities sealed off the zone to civilians. Earlier reports from eyewitnesses said the shells fell on the Israeli side of the border, but the military sources put them just inside southern Lebanon.
The Good Fence was also closed, except for the transfer of Christian militiamen wounded in the fighting to clinics on the Israeli side of the frontier.

LO Council divided on political strategy

MASCUS. — The Palestine Liberation Organization's Central Council, divided over strategy and recently preoccupied by new fighting in South Lebanon, failed yesterday to take a firm stand on the latest American overtures to reach peace in the Middle East.
Following a 10-hour meeting that ended shortly before dawn, the 55-member Council issued a communiqué that did not comment on Carter Administration's stated support for Palestinian representatives at the Madrid peace talks.
LO leader Yasser Arafat had previously praised the State Department's position as positive, informed diplomats here said, but the Council could not surmount hardline pressure yesterday to endorse American initiatives.
The communiqué was considerably milder than one issued at the August 25 Council meeting, in the leadership firmly attacked

American policy and rejected U.S. peace efforts, specifically a proposal to open a dialogue with the terrorists in exchange for Palestinian acceptance of Resolution 242, which recognizes Israel's right to exist.
The latest communication makes no mention of the resolution, according to Damascus Radio.
Western diplomats said omission of mention of Resolution 242 — which the previous Council meeting had taken pains to "especially" reject — indicated the PLO was leaving manoeuvring room for a possible compromise move toward direct contacts with Washington.
The PLO rejects Resolution 242 because the resolution considers the Palestinians as refugees rather than as a "national people."
The Western diplomats believed the compromise move would involve a fresh Security Council resolution — possibly at the upcoming UN session — including indirect recognition of Israel's right to exist, but also endorsing

an independent Palestinian state in some part of present-day Israel.
The PLO might accept the new resolution, while Washington might refrain from its veto of a similar motion in 1976 and simply abstain, the diplomats said.
The latest Council meeting began two days late because Arafat had been directing Palestinian military moves from a front-line bunker in South Lebanon after a strong rightist offensive last Friday.
The Council said it had reviewed the "fruitful results" of Arafat's recent visit to Moscow, and stressed the "fixed position of the U.S.S.R. toward Palestinian national rights."
But it gave no indication that position necessarily implied opposition to U.S. peace initiatives. Arafat had said earlier in the month the PLO's alliance with the Soviets would allow the Palestinians to "foil" U.S. Middle East strategy. (AP, UPI)

Ethiopian air blitz halts Somalis

ROH (Reuters). — An all-out Ethiopian air force blitz appears to have halted, at least for the moment, Somali onslaught on Ethiopia's eastern mountain defences, in-said sources said yesterday in Addis Ababa.
American-built F-4 jets, and even British-supplied Canberra bombers, have been raiding Somali bases throughout daylight hours. Ethiopian forces retreated eastward to the mountains.
Sources in Addis said the Somali head had remained stationary at the bottom of the Marja Pass, 10 miles west of Jijiga, since all-able Ethiopian aircraft began strikes at the weekend.
Somali Republic denies throwing its regular forces into the

fighting, although it makes no secret of sympathy for the guerrillas — ethnic Somalis who took up arms to end Ethiopian rule in the Ogaden Desert.
Somali guerrillas said on Monday they had seized a crossroads village, in the mountains behind Ethiopia, in line to sever the road which supplies Dire Dawa, operations base for the bombers, and Harar, headquarters of the Third Army division which is confronting the Somalis.
The sources in Addis Ababa said yesterday unconfirmed reports had now reached the capital of a sabotage attack on a bridge near Assebe in Ethiopia, the only Ethiopian port still linked with Addis Ababa and the lifeline of the war effort.
It was not clear whether traffic

had been affected, but the attack in itself represents a grave threat to the country — Ethiopia has relied almost exclusively on Assebe since bridges were blown up on the Addis-Djibouti railway in early June, as a preliminary to the Somali sweep through the Ogaden Desert further south.
In Rome yesterday, Somali guerrilla leaders said they were now ready for immediate cease-fire talks to stop the war in the Horn of Africa.
Mohammed Aden, an envoy of Somali President Siad Barre, told a news conference that the Western Somali Liberation Front — while ready for cease-fire talks — would not negotiate the sovereignty of the Ogaden.



A ritual slaughterer (shohet) in Holon performs the kapparot ceremony. (UPPA)

Nation comes to halt for prayers and fast

By JUDY SIEGEL, Jerusalem Post Reporter
From the plaintive, stirring melody of Kol Nidre this evening through the confident mood of the concluding Nafila service tomorrow night, Jews around the world will observe Yom Kippur in prayer, retrospection and fasting.
The nearly 26-hour fast, considered the most important date in the Jewish calendar, begins in Jerusalem at 6:03 p.m. today and concludes with a prolonged blast of the ram's horn at 6:15 p.m. tomorrow.
High temperatures are expected throughout the country and it will be dry in the hills and sultry along the coast.

The nation will come to a near-standstill. While families, many of them dressed in white as a symbol of purity and wearing rubber or plastic footwear instead of leather shoes to "afflict the woe soul," will walk to synagogues for services.
The theme running throughout the devotions is that repentance, prayer and righteousness avert God's severe decree against those who have sinned and ensure that they are sealed in the Book of Life. Traditional Jews are accustomed to ask pardon from their friends and relatives before going to the synagogue, as a prerequisite for forgiveness of their sins against God.
Thousands of worshippers are expected to visit the Western Wall in Jerusalem, where the fast will end tomorrow night with dancing and free soft drinks provided by the Religious Affairs Ministry.
Doctors urge the sickly to consult their rabbis on whether they are permitted to fast. They also advise those who do abstain from food and drink not to overeat at the pre-fast meal, but to drink more than usual. Breaking the fast tomorrow should be done gradually.

Rabbi Ya'acov Rakovsky of Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem has visited all its 1,000 patients and advised them whether they are halachically permitted to fast. Security officials again warn the public to be wary of suspicious objects near synagogues and elsewhere. All should be left untouched and reported to the authorities.
Magen David Adom has appealed to the public to allow its emergency vehicles to pass and not interfere by throwing stones or setting up impromptu roadblocks. Security forces and the police have requested that their staff use vehicles only when absolutely necessary.
Most government and municipal offices will close soon after noon today so that their employees can prepare for Yom Kippur. Traffic to and from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will not be permitted from 8 p.m. today to 8 p.m. tomorrow. The Jordan bridges will be closed as well. There will be no radio or TV broadcasts, but an emergency radio team will stand by in Jerusalem as it has since the first anniversary of the Yom Kippur War.
Ben-Gurion Airport will close this afternoon and reopen to international traffic after the fast. Schools will be closed for the holiday and will begin an hour later than normal on Friday morning.
Bus service in Jerusalem will stop at 2:30 p.m. today and resume at 7:30 tomorrow. No trains will operate tomorrow night.
Absorption authorities have distributed prayer books and explanatory material for the holidays to immigrants in absorption centres and arranged for seats in synagogues for those who requested it.
Meanwhile, Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, keeping an eye on the Sukkot holiday next week, has urged vendors of the "four species" not to overcharge. Etrogim have been selling for up to IL600 each this year.
The various municipalities will begin their distribution of free tree branches for the sukkot soon after Yom Kippur. In Jerusalem, it will be handed out at 30 points around the city on Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Consult municipal notice boards for more information.

Little headway but Dayan is still hopeful

By WOLF BLITZER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

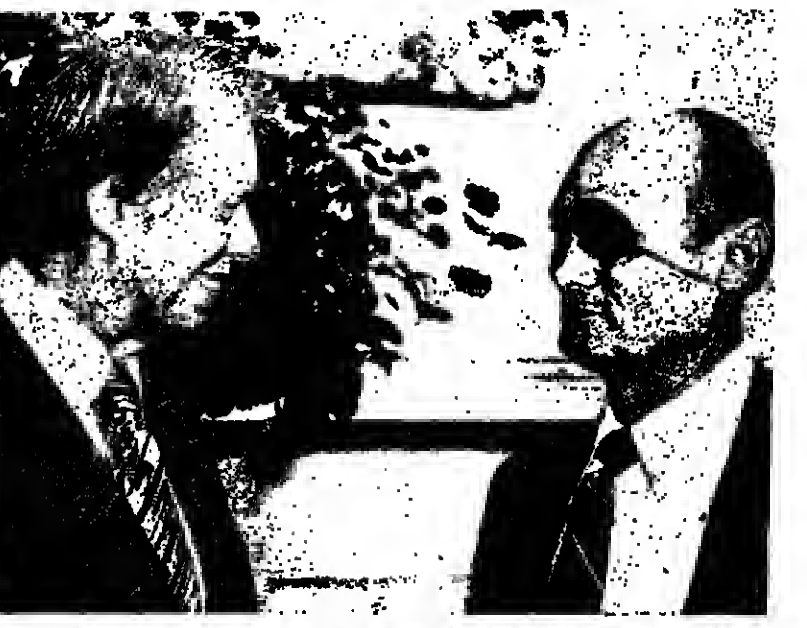
WASHINGTON. — The U.S. and Israel appear to have made little headway in solving the problem of Palestinian representation for a reconvened Geneva peace conference.
However, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, who met on Monday for several hours with President Jimmy Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, said at a press conference here yesterday that the Geneva conference could be reconvened before the end of this year.
But well-placed sources said that the major procedural hurdle in the way of the conference — the question of Palestinian representation — still remains.
During Dayan's talks, the American leadership proposed a unified Arab delegation to the conference, which would immediately break down into working groups on a geographical basis. But Dayan rejected this, insisting that Israel would negotiate only with separate states.

fact support the interests of the PLO at Geneva. Israel continues to oppose the presence of known members of the PLO at Geneva.
The Americans are hopeful but not optimistic that this Israeli concept might meet Arab demands for formal PLO representation.
In addition, Dayan proposed that Israel begin separate negotiations with the West Bank leadership — outside the framework of Geneva — extending limited autonomy to the region's inhabitants. Israel nevertheless, would retain control of the area's security, the Foreign Minister maintained.
Yesterday Dayan met with members of the House and Senate Foreign Relations Committees and others, winding up his stay in Washington. He returns to New York City today to participate in the opening session of the UN General Assembly.

The Israeli position, as conveyed by Dayan, includes two demands on which Israel will not bend: 1) That negotiations at Geneva do not lead to the creation of a separate Palestinian state, which Dayan says would represent a mortal danger to Israel's very existence, and 2) That no separate Palestinian delegation be allowed to participate at the Geneva conference.
But within the limits of those demands, Israel is willing to demonstrate some flexibility on the procedural questions. In fact, Israel will not check closely the "credentials" of possible Palestinian members of the Jordanian delegation to determine whether or not they are affiliated formally with the PLO.
Most of Dayan's talks here concerned the limited procedural question of getting a Geneva conference started. Other matters, including the fighting in Southern Lebanon, were discussed only briefly.

During a news conference at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Dayan insisted that Israeli settlements in the captured territories would not prevent Israel from negotiating a return of those areas to the Arab states. Dayan will meet next week in New York. (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

The U.S., while disappointed in the Israeli opposition to a unified Arab delegation, are expected to urge the Arabs to accept the principle of Palestinian representation within the Jordanian delegation.
According to informed sources here, Israel will not object to declarations from the Palestinian members of the Jordanian delegation, which could include West Bank mayors known to be sympathetic to the PLO, declaring that they do in

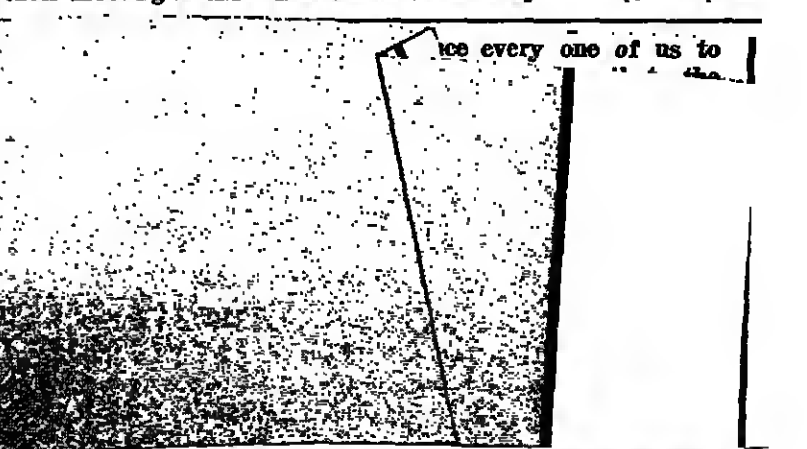


U.S. President Jimmy Carter with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan at their meeting in the White House on Monday. (UPI telephoto)

Brisbane mill owners caught running slave labour camp

BRISBANE, Australia (Reuters). — Police who raided a sawmill near here yesterday found what they said was a slave-labour camp where men were forced to work for no pay, robbed of their pension cheques, and beaten if they tried to escape.
Six men, aged between 45 and 60, were found living in hovels without running water and electricity — a habitation that police described as unfit for animals. Filthy and clad in rags, they were taken to a police station. One man was rushed to hospital suffering from epilepsy, thymia (a fungus skin disease), and malnutrition.
Brutal beatings, semi-starvation, appalling conditions and fear kept the men in abject misery and subjugation, police said. A detective inpector said "one man was allegedly struck by the heel of a beam and beaten with a heavy stick."
James Eggleston, who said he es-

caped two months ago and tipped off the police, said the camp was run like a prison "by a family of thugs of Pakistani origin."
Police said they expected to charge the owners and operators of the mill, whose identities were not immediately disclosed. Veteran police officers in Brisbane, capital of the north-eastern state of Queensland, said it was the worst case of human exploitation and degradation they had seen.
The six pathetic, gaunt men found at the sawmill said they were forced to work without pay up to 12 hours a day, seven days a week, cutting timber for firewood.
A 53-year-old man who said he had been held in the sawmill for 10 years told reporters: "I had no work at the time and like everybody else I was looking for a place to go to and this chap came along and offered me a job. I naturally jumped at it."



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Uganda delays UN

FED NATIONS (UPI). — Cam- held up the opening of the 32nd session of the UN General Assembly today by insisting on its right to despite being two years in arrears with its UN membership fee, said sources said.
A session was to open at 3 p.m. GMT but delegates were still at 4:40 p.m. (2040 GMT) for the final gavel.

Vorster calls new elections

PRETORIA (UPI). — Prime Minister John Vorster at a hastily called news conference yesterday announced general elections would be held in South Africa on November 30.
The prime minister said the South African parliament would be dissolved immediately.
In announcing the decision Vorster said certain "governments, world organizations," and other bodies meddled in South Africa's internal affairs and tried to prescribe how South Africa should be run.
He said he and members of his cabinet found it necessary to speak out about this interference and the South African electorate would now have a chance to voice their views on the matter.

U.S. to give Syria \$40m. loan, \$3.5m grant

AMMAN (Reuters). — Syria will get a \$40m. loan from the U.S. under an agreement signed here yesterday. The loan will be spent on equipment for Syria's development projects.
Under another agreement signed at the same time, the U.S. undertook to grant Syria \$3.5m. to finance the economic and technical studies needed for these projects, officials said.

Soviets reported testing three new combat planes

LONDON (Reuters). — The Soviet air force is testing three new combat aircraft — a supersonic long-range bomber, a fighter bomber and a fighter believed to be the Mig-29. The "International Defence Review," a magazine published in Switzerland, quoted U.S. sources as saying flight-development trials are under way with the prototypes of the three aircraft. The bomber is a military version of the TU-144 supersonic airliner, the magazine said. The fighter, of which several prototypes are being tested in the Soviet interior, is expected to be operational with front line units in the 1980s, ultimately replacing the Mig-21. The Mig-29 could also be deployed around the Soviet frontiers to provide defence against low-flying cruise missiles. It was added.
The plane is designed as a middle altitude air superiority fighter and

regarded in the West primarily as Moscow's answer to the U.S. F-15, F-16 and F-18.
The Mig-29's radar characteristics and its ability to carry air-to-air missiles in six points appear to give it an interception role against low-flying strike aircraft as well, the magazine said. The plane has a single-seat cockpit, two engines and wings similar to the F-15.
U.S. government sources said in June that the Soviet Union was developing a fighter with "look down" radar to detect enemy aircraft at treetop level, such as the now cancelled B-1 bomber.
The third plane described by the "International Defence Review" is a relatively slow, armoured, low-flying jet with a big capacity for carrying bombs or air-to-ground missiles.



The changing face of Tel Aviv...

Mark Segal takes a long, hard look at his home town after two years abroad.
American-Jewish novelist Henry Roth tells Marsha Pomerantz how he is overcoming a "writer's block" that has lasted 30 years. Abraham Rabinovich describes the hidden treasures of Caesarea and development plans for the place.
Helga Dudman speculates on the mysterious behaviour of cats. Dry Bones examines the roots of Succot.

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Bhutto wins hearing
RAWALPINDI (AP). — Ousted Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto yesterday won a Supreme Court hearing for his efforts to stage off a military trial on charges of high crime and misconduct in office.
Pakistan's highest court set next Sunday for what could be a momentous session on the legality of actions of the military regime that overthrew Bhutto's government in July in the midst of a political crisis.

Syrian manoeuvres
NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP). — Units of Syrian forces carried out "operational manoeuvres" yesterday at direction of President Hafez Assad, Damascus Radio reported.
The manoeuvres, attended by Syrian armed forces Chief of Staff Gen. Hikmat Cbehali, were successfully completed in less than the time set for them, the radio added. There was no indication where the manoeuvres were held.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair, with a rise in temperature likely. Outlook for tomorrow: Hot and dry in the hill regions; sultry in the coastal plain.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Members of the Royal College of Defence Studies of Great Britain led by Admiral Sir Ian Easton, met yesterday with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek at City Hall.

Mrs. Nina Katsir yesterday received a large group of active Israeli supporters from Brazil. The group was accompanied by Mrs. Victoria Valero, head of the World Wizo Tourist Department.

Heifa University yesterday announced the following appointments and promotions: To the rank of Professor — Moshe Dotan, archaeology, Isu Valsman, mathematics; To Associate Professor — Dr. Aharon Dolgopolski, Hebrew Language, Dr. Netan Zach, Hebrew and General Literature, Dr. David Semab, Arabic Language and Literature; To Adjunct Associate Professor — Moshe Kerem, Education.

ARRIVALS

MK Shimon Peres, from a four-day visit to Denmark and Holland; he was the guest of the Labour Party in each country.

Int'l Red Cross denies 'Times' 'torture' report

GENEVA (JTA). — The International Committee of the Red Cross has protested the allegation in a London "Sunday Times" article which said that Israel, according to ICRC reports, tortures Arab prisoners. The ICRC said its reports are strictly confidential and were handed over only to Israeli authorities. The ICRC said that it strictly safeguards the secrecy of these reports in the interest of the victims and to keep the action purely humanitarian.

Since 1967, the ICRC has been able to visit the Arab prisoners without witnesses and report their complaints to the authorities, a committee spokesman said. He stated that the ICRC is ready to establish a committee to investigate the torture allegations, if asked to do so.

The anticipated measures are inequitable in that they will in effect take from those who have little in order to give to those who have more.

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Land of Israel parley
'We must hold on to Sinai'

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Egyptians are hastily turning the eastern bank of the Suez Canal into a base for an attack on Israel, Aluf (ree) Avraham Yoffe warned yesterday.

"If they are allowed to retrieve more space this side of the canal, they will turn it into a wall of woe on the borders of Israel," Yoffe added. He was speaking at a Land of Israel Movement "study day" at Beit Hachofim.

If "some voices" in the present government agree to substantial withdrawal in Sinai, Yoffe went on, they are guilty of the same "misapprit" which characterized their predecessors who permitted the 1973 tragedy to happen.

Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism Yigal Hurvitz said Israel could approach economic independence by 1985 if only her efforts were not thwarted by self-inflicted pains such as strikes. He estimated that by 1985 Israel would export \$5.7 billion worth of goods, including diamonds. Marble and granite found in the Sinai should be part of the exports, he said.

Dr. Moshe Shanon, just appointed advisor to the Prime Minister on Arab affairs, said that Sinai, except for the northern strip from El Arish to Suez, had been under Syrian administration during most of the time that the Arabs and the Ottomans ruled the area.

The Rafah-Eilat line, established in 1906, was imposed by a British administrator of Egypt, though technically it was a demarcation line within the Ottoman Empire and was not officially recognized in international law, he said.

Shimon Ben-Akkan said half the El Arish residents were of ancient Canaanite stock, while others were more recent immigrants from Palestine and Transjordan. "They have never been regarded as Egyptians by Cairo authorities," he pointed out.

The Land of Israel Movement's chairman, Moshe Shamir, a Likud MK, warned the Begin government not to make concessions in Sinai. He said the government owed it to the youth of Israel not to trade vital areas for "a mirage of peace treaties." Though he supported Prime Minister Begin wholeheartedly, Shamir said, he was worried by his readiness to make "substantial withdrawals" in Sinai.

Shmuel Katz, the Prime Minister's adviser for overseas information, said the Soviet thrust into East Africa had been made possible by Israel's agreement to leave the Suez and allow the reopening of the canal. "It was the result of Kissinger's pressure, who argued that the U.S. needed the passage to supply some British-controlled islands in the Indian Ocean where the U.S. expected to build a base. The Soviets must have been rubbing their eyes, seeing the canal presented to them on a silver platter. But they would have been silly not to use this opportunity."

Water rates up

Water rates will go up next month by about 25 per cent for domestic users, by 10 per cent for industry and 20 per cent for farmers.

This was decided yesterday by the joint finance and economic committees of the Knesset after discussion.

They tend to feed inflation on the government's liabilities in respect to outstanding linked bonds, which by the end of 1976, at the prices current then, amounted to IL108b. — or over IL120b. at present values. Each turn of the inflationary screw increases that amount, and results in the transfer of more money from current income to the holders of government bonds.

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Prime Minister Menachem Begin and schoolteacher Arye Kotzer, a former Betar commander, carry the body of veteran Betar fighter Avraham Amikam out of Beit Ha'am in Rosh Pina for burial in the local cemetery. (Samphot)

Begin attends funeral of ex-Betar fighter

Jerusalem Post Staff

ROSH PINA. — Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday attended the funeral here of Avraham Amikam, the Betar fighter who he himself had saved from the gallows almost 40 years ago.

Amikam, who died suddenly on Monday at the age of 58, was sentenced to death by the British along with Shimon Ben-Yosef for attacking an Arab bus in 1935. Ben-Yosef was executed, but Amikam had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment after Begin — then

leader of Betar in Poland — sent a forged document to the British Mandatory authorities attesting that the condemned man was under 18 years old.

Eulogizing the dead fighter, Begin praised the character and devotion of the man they had called "Avrelele", and referred to the forged document which had saved his life. He ended his eulogy by quoting the words Amikam's comrade, Shimon Ben-Yosef, had uttered just before he was executed: "I will die, but others will take the bill." And

"the bill has indeed been taken," the Prime Minister concluded.

"Ma'ariv" editor Shalom Rosenfeld, a Betar commander in Rosh Pina at the time of Amikam's action, also delivered an eulogy, revealing that it was Menachem Begin himself who had sent the forged certificate from Poland.

The funeral, in the Rosh Pina cemetery, was attended by former Betar comrades of Amikam from all over the country. He was buried alongside Shimon Ben-Yosef.

Another merchant navy dispute breaks out

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Another merchant navy dispute broke out yesterday only a fortnight after the last strike by the Officers Union. In separate actions, both the Ratings and Officers Unions decided to obstruct operations on two ships in Haifa port.

The Ratings' action was motivated by a labour dispute and was settled within hours; but the Officers Union, in cooperation with the Zim employees' committee, openly challenged the company's management.

Their action was described as "a clear attempt to create chaos in Zim," by company sources, who claim the officers are trying to un-

seat general manager Yehuda Rotem.

In the morning, the Ratings Union decided to hold up the sailing of the El-Yam company's 33,000-ton grain carrier Har Carmel, until two foreign seamen were replaced by Israeli seamen. El-Yam manager Eliyahu Bracha said he had asked the Seamen's Labour Exchange to send two men, but none was available. Union secretary Shimon Avitan said: "The ship's been in port for five days and the management should have looked for replacements during that time, and out on the eve of Yom Kippur."

Bracha then appealed to the union's legal adviser. Through his in-

tervention the ship was finally allowed to sail on schedule — after the company promised that the replacements would be flown to the next port-of-call.

Meanwhile, the officers announced that they were holding up the container ship Zim Genoa, which was also due to sail in the afternoon. The union agreed last night to allow the ship to sail at 8:00 p.m., following a Histadrut appeal.

Another dispute, over the manning of the new Zim container ship Sigal, has still not been resolved. 67 days after the ship was delivered by the Israeli Shipyard, the ship, lying idle in the port, has already cost Zim IL2m.



Children and teachers at the Habad school on Jerusalem's Rehov Brazil prepare decorations for the succa at the President's House. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Noam and Hamatmid parents strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

The conflict between Jerusalem's Noam School and the Education Ministry escalated yesterday as parents and children went on strike outside the ministry for the second time in 10 days. And in Petah Tikva, parents of seventh-graders at the Hamatmid school yesterday also decided to strike.

Rabbi Hanech Bergman, the principal of the Noam private orthodox elementary school, said that as of last night no agreement had been reached with the ministry.

Until yesterday, the school's 500 children, mostly from middle class Ashkenazi families, have been studying on a shift basis due to overcrowding.

According to Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli, the parents were offered the use of a teachers' seminary in Kiryat Shmuel for one year after which they would be transferred to a residential building in Givat Shaul, which would be adapted as a school building. At

the same time the Ministry promised to build Noam a permanent school.

This offer was rejected by Rabbi Bergman, who accused the Ministry of "constant lying." He said that he and the parents felt that the Ministry hoped to abandon them at the Kiryat Shmuel building.

The Noam school, according to Ministry sources, has its eye on the former American College in Beit Hakerem, which now belongs to the Mahon Meir Yeshiva. Noam says it will only accept a site in the vicinity of Kiryat Moshe, which it claims is its base. According to the principal, however, only 50 per cent of the children are local.

The conflict between the Education Ministry and parents who sent their seventh-graders to the Hamatmid school erupted over the reform programme, designed to integrate "disadvantaged" and "advantaged" children.

Parents of the disadvantaged children claim that their children should be studying with those from

the "advantaged" Hess and Yesodot schools, as originally intended.

However, after a two week strike by parents at Hess and Yesodot, the Ministry agreed that the children from those two schools should continue in their elementary schools for seventh grade classes, at least for the time being.

As a result, the children from Hamatmid were alone in the new intermediate school.

The parents accuse the municipality and the Ministry of not wanting to carry out integration, but the ministry and the municipality deny this. A municipality spokesman said that it is the parents from Hess and Yesodot who don't want integration, an allegation which the parents deny.

Education and Cultural Minister Zevulun Hammer is to meet today with Shmueli, Israel Feiberg, mayor of Petah Tikva, and Aharon Yadin, the chairman of the Knesset Education Committee.

German tourist raped, robbed in capital

Jerusalem Post Staff

A German tourist complained to Jerusalem police yesterday that she was brutally raped near Jaffa Gate in East Jerusalem. She said that after raping her, the man made off with her handbag. Police later found the bag, but with a camera and IL600 missing. They are continuing their investigation.

In Haifa, the Magistrate's court ordered a man remanded for four days on suspicion of raping his 15-year-old step-daughter. The girl, in her second month of pregnancy, said she recently moved into her aunt's flat and only then decided to complain to the police. Her step-father, 37, claims that she is lying. He says that she previously made a similar charge against him, but he was acquitted.

In Tel Aviv, two women were attacked on Monday, but both escaped unharmed.

The first incident was on Rehov Arlosoroff, near the railroad station, where a young man grabbed the breast of a 32-year-old Ramat Gan woman. She managed to wrest herself free and the man ran off.

Rehov Arlosoroff has been the scene of several rape incidents in the past few months. Police believe that one person is responsible for at least four recent rapes.

In the second incident, a 23-year-old woman was waiting near a petrol station in Ramat Aviv, where a man offered her a ride. When she refused to have intercourse with him, he threatened to rape her, but she managed to escape.

No bail for Arab in sedition trial

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected the appeal of Abdullah Rashad against his detention until the end of his trial. Rashad is charged with singing seditious songs at a wedding in Majdal Krum village.

The songs called upon Arabs to come to Palestine and slaughter the Jews.

Justice Meir Shamgar said that the crime of which Rashad is charged is a serious one, since it involves a public call to violence and murder. He accepted the view of the prosecution that the charge was particularly grave in view of the fact that the accused was convicted of belonging to a hostile organization. (Tlm)

Two IAI key men resign

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Both deputy managing directors of the Israel Aircraft Industries have resigned in the wake of the departure of outgoing managing director Al Schwimmer. This emerged yesterday at a meeting of the IAI board, at which the appointment of Gabriel Gidor as Schwimmer's successor was approved.

The resignation of one of the deputies, Asher Ben-Yosef, had been expected. However, the departure of Tal-Aluf (Res.) Yisrael Roth came as surprise. The board expressed its appreciation for the valuable contribution to the IAI made by all three men and its regrets at their resignations.

The board also confirmed the Cabinet's appointment of Yisrael Saharav as Chairman of the Board. Other appointments made by the board yesterday were Arleb



Gavriel Gidor

Ostrinski, 47, to be Deputy D General and Amram Ezeron be director of the aircraft production division, replacing Gidor.

Cholera precautions at Ben-Gurion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Precautionary measures against cholera have been extended to Ben-Gurion Airport, the Health Ministry announced yesterday.

Incoming passengers from countries where the disease has been prevalent will be given cards, explaining the symptoms of cholera and asking them to see a doctor if they develop diarrhoea. While the major outbreaks of cholera are in Arab countries, which have no air links with Israel, passengers do arrive from such countries as Iran and Nepal.

The companies that prepare meals for the airlines have been put on special alert. Within two more days, the toilets are being cleaned more often, garbage is removed more often, and chlorox has been added to the water.

There are still only three cholera cases in Israel.

Fifty new cases of cholera reported in three Arab countries yesterday.

Syrian authorities said cases were detected in the hours, most of them in D and other larger cities. The total number of cholera there to 2,438.

In Jordan, eight new cases reported but health authorities claimed the epidemic seemed controlled. Lebanon reported cases. Meanwhile in Turkey, the ministry called for strict precautions. The ministry denied that the cholera had reached Turkey. But the circulation newspaper "Gazetesi" said: "It is definite now that cholera. And we have im-

Raw sewage flows from Beersheba

Raw sewage has been flowing out of the Beersheba prison for almost a year, the Health Ministry announced yesterday.

The ministry added that it had destroyed melons, watermelons and tomatoes which local Beduin have been growing using the sewage for irrigation. The ministry said the sewage outflow was caused by a breakdown in the prison's pumping system. Repeated appeals to the Prisons Service had been fruitless, it added.

A spokesman for the Prisons Service claimed no knowledge of the matter, but admitted that if raw sewage was flowing from the prison, it was "very serious." He promised

that if the situation was as the Ministry states, it would be "in the near future."

The Health Ministry is becoming increasingly concerned about food-borne diseases, cholera is only one. Of special concern are untreated raw sewage and garbage, and processed foodstuffs.

In a related development, Health Ministry yesterday announced that two owners of a sausage factory in Tel Aviv had been fined IL10,000 for using and donkey meat in their products. The animals had not been by a veterinarian and the not indicate the type of m-

Fires won't go out in cement kiln

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter
RAMLE. — The fires in the kilns at the Nesher cement plants will not go out for Yom Kippur after an agreement was reached between management and the committee in charge of issuing Sabbath work permits.

This was reported to The Jerusalem Post last night by Aryeh Naor, Cabinet secretary and chairman of the committee.

Naor said the agreement came after the committee was promised that Arab workers would operate the

kilns, and if any Jews had would be in a supervisory

position. However, Zaid Ben-Chaim, chairman of the works committee at the Ramle plant, told The Jerusalem Post that the Jews would be allowed to work on the Sabbath. He believed that granted a permit to operate Yom Kippur because of the sabbath, from the committee in order to cease.

Menachem Aviram, director of Nesher, was not for comment last night.

NO BREAKTHROUGH

(Continued from page one)

York with Vance to continue negotiations on Palestinian representation at Geneva. Carter meets today with Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy to convey the Israeli stand as well as to hear the Egyptian position. During the next four days, the President will hold separate sessions with the foreign ministers of Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

In addition, U.S. ambassadors in the Arab capitals can be expected to meet directly with the heads of government, knowing that most of the foreign ministers do not have the leeway to negotiate freely with the Americans.

Clearly, Dayan and the Americans are hoping that Egypt and Jordan will accept the Israeli proposal for Palestinian within the Jordanian delegation, basing their hope on the belief that these two Arab countries genuinely want to see a Geneva conference get off the ground. Israel is said to be more optimistic than the U.S. that the Arab states will in fact come around. Dayan is expected to receive the Arab response next week in New York.

During the talks with President is said to have his belief that the situation in the Middle East was crucial. A Geneva conference was essential this year to avoid deterioration. It was Carter was determined to force convened this year or the other.

Dayan, who is regarded by Americans as more flexible Prime Minister Begin, Israeli cabinet members believe that Israel should on the marginal issues which Palestinians are committed to participate in a nian delegation while firm on the crucial issues of the rejection of a separate state on the West Bank.

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Higher child allowances in October

Child allowances will go up next month, from IL47 to IL47.50 per child per month, said the Minister of Finance, Yitzhak Mordechai, in a statement yesterday.

The rise, which is in accordance with the Income Tax Ordinance and the National Insurance Bill, means that a family with two children will receive IL95 each month instead of IL90. A family with three children will receive IL142.50 (now IL135), including a veteran's allowance. A family entitled to a veteran's allowance with four children will receive IL187.50 (now IL180), with five children, IL235 (now IL225), and with six children, IL282.50 (now IL270).

The wage ceiling on which National Insurance premiums are levied will be raised in October from 7,100 to IL7,300 a month. There will be an identical increase in the maximum compensation paid to a wage earner on army reserve duty. Both raises are in accordance with the rising cost of living.

Yitzhak Mordechai said that some 520,000 families now receive child allowances. A survey carried out by the Ministry of Finance showed that the child allowance system is very popular. Young families in lower income groups receive their spendable income increased by up to 80 per cent, while upper income families receive an increase of 10 per cent of their monthly income.

Support for autonomous settlement at Ma'alot

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Government and the World Zionist Organization yesterday decided to "promote" the initiative of some 1,200 industrial workers who want to establish a settlement that will give them a sense of being close to nature.

The Ministerial Committee on Settlements and WZO representatives recommended that the proposed settlement be a suburb of Ma'alot. It should have autonomy in some areas but cooperate with Ma'alot in others, they agreed. Eventually both should become one unit, a participant in yesterday's meeting told *The Jerusalem Post*.

But MK Stef Wertheimer (Democratic Movement for Change), who heads the settlement committee, said yesterday that the settlement was a totally independent entity, although they are willing to cooperate with Ma'alot.

Wertheimer told *The Post* the idea is that engineers and labourers will work in industrial plants to be built there. "They are people who want 'a small house on a small hill' and want to run their settlement as they see fit," he said. It will be patterned after Tapolia, a lovely suburb of the Finnish capital, and the first structures to rise should be a school and a swimming pool, he said. There will be no big buildings.

The ministerial committee and the WZO also decided to approve, in principle, the establishment of Tel Geser near Latrun, in the area Israel controlled before the 1967 war. The potential settlers belong to the Farmers Association and work plantations there.

Asked whether there was any discussion on settlement in the administered territories, Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said: "There was no debate and no decision on settlement in the areas which you call administered."

Sinai and Gaza population nears 1/2m.

GAZA (Jm). — There were some 495,000 people living in the Gaza Strip and Sinai at the end of 1976, some 40,000 more than in 1975.

A population survey conducted by the Military Government, which deals mainly with the 430,000 inhabitants of the Gaza Strip and northern Sinai, showed that the natural growth rate in the area was similar to that of Arabs living in Israel — 33.34 per thousand — or double that of the Jewish population.

The survey also revealed that

some 53 per cent of the Gaza Strip and northern Sinai population almost 230,000 people — is classified as refugees. But only 167,000 refugees actually live in the eight camps in the area; the rest are mainly in urban settlements.

The population increased from 390,000 in 1967 to 430,000 in 1976 (this figure excludes the 65,000 Beduin in southern Sinai), even though some 44,000 persons left for the Gulf states between 1967 and 1976.

Teachers' income tax fines cancelled

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Income tax officials agreed this week to cancel fines for teachers who did not submit reports on their 1974 earnings because the Education Ministry failed to send them the necessary document.

This decision was taken on Monday at a meeting between Hishadut Teachers' Union Secretary Shalom Levin, Education Ministry Director-

General Eliezer Shmueli and income tax officials.

Many teachers have not received their 1974 record of earnings (Form 108) from the Ministry.

Shmueli promised that the teachers would receive the forms within three months. Meanwhile, income tax officials promised that those who do not have the forms will not be harassed about filing their reports.

Avineri joins Labour Party

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prof. Shlomo Avineri, former director-general of the Foreign Ministry, has announced that he is joining the Labour Party. Avineri has until now been politically affiliated, though he generally sympathized with Labour, and more particularly with its more dovish elements.

A leading political scientist and world authority on Marxist thought, Avineri was appointed director-general of the Foreign Ministry by Minister Yigal Alon in spring of last year. There were vigorous objections from the Likud on the grounds that Avineri had publicly endorsed the "Yariv-Shamir formula" (willingness to negotiate with any Palestinian group that recognizes Israel) and had also indicated that he personally might be ready to contemplate a Palestinian state under certain conditions.

Inside the Ministry there were also objections to the choice of an "outsider" to the post of director-general. Later, the professor was criticized by some of the veteran professional diplomats for arrogating too much authority to himself in running the Ministry.

An articulate media personality, Avineri also began to be viewed askance by some of the Minister's aides who felt he was attracting too much of the limelight.

Avineri offered his resignation as soon as the new government took office, and Foreign Minister Dayan quickly accepted it. He is now back at the Hebrew University.

The professor's entry into politics is bound to stir up mixed feelings among Labourites. Plainly Avineri, whose intellectual brilliance is matched by his ambition, does not intend to remain a rank-and-file member for long. The younger Labour politicians such as Gad Yacobi, Uri Baram and Yossi Sarid, who are preparing themselves to eventually step into the shoes of the present leadership, must now face the prospect of having Avineri to contend with.

Matza and Kollek argue over demolition of suspect's home

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The military government's "mistaken" demolition of a house in Beit Hanina belonging to the family of a suspected terrorist elicited a heated exchange of letters yesterday between Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and his deputy, Yehoshua Matza of the Likud.

Kollek had protested to the military government that the demolition was carried out without prior consultation with the municipality or the police. The military government's spokesman later apologized and said that the "regrettable mistake" would be investigated.

The house in question, which was partly built, was bulldozed on Monday. A son of the owner, Khader Tayeh, is being held on suspicion of carrying out serious terrorist actions. Beit Hanina, an Arab village north of Jerusalem, falls within the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality.

In a letter to the mayor, Matza (who unsuccessfully ran against Kollek in the last municipal election) charged him with "possibly weakening the Defence Ministry and encouraging the actions of terrorists."

Matza said that the publicity over Kollek's protest "emphasized the serious conflict between you as mayor and the military government." (Some of Kollek's opponents have in the past charged the mayor with being "too easy" on the Arabs.)

In an immediate response, the mayor called the deputy mayor's complaint "a slip of the pen on the eve of municipal elections" (which will take place within a year). The issue was not whether or not to punish terrorists, the mayor wrote, but how to preserve the unity of Jerusalem. East Jerusalem was subject to municipal laws just as West Jerusalem was, and an area within its limits must not be regarded as part of the West Bank.

Kollek also rejected Matza's allegation of the municipality's failure to enforce all laws, including the bulldozing of illegal buildings in East Jerusalem.

The Tayeh house had been built with a municipal permit.

war orphans, Aoud eventually admitted that they were born out of wedlock. He said: "The mothers had to get rid of them because in Lebanon they risk being killed by their father or brothers for damaging the family's reputation. Lebanese doctors also encourage the girls to send the babies out of the country in order to safeguard their honour."

Aoud showed the French reporter a visiting card giving phone numbers where he could be contacted in Switzerland and Lebanon as well as France. Interpol has tried to trace him in both foreign countries without success.

A ROAD in Tel Aviv was this week named for the late Chief Rabbi of Morocco, Raphael Ankawa, at a ceremony attended by rabbis of North African origin, public figures, and hundreds of members of the local Moroccan community.

French hunt Lebanese baby seller

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — French police were last night hunting for a Lebanese lawyer who has been selling illegitimate babies from his country as war orphans for \$5,000 to childless families in Europe.

The lawyer, Jean Aoud was unmasked by a reporter from the magazine "La Vie" who posed as a prospective foster-mother when she called at his Beirut office.

The reporter, Francoise Colombel, taped a lengthy interview with Aoud during which he claimed she could buy as many babies as she wanted without having to go through the lengthy official procedure to prove she rated as a reliable parent.

The lawyer told her: "You don't even have to worry about the child's nationality. I will make sure it is delivered to you with a French passport and identity card."

After pretending his babies were

Residents of Jerusalem's Gilo quarter blocked the road leading to their neighbourhood yesterday to protest poor bus service. About 100 demonstrators gathered at the main intersection at about 7.30 a.m. and remained there for about an hour and a half.

They complained that bus service is infrequent and sporadic. Often, they said, the buses are so full that they pass without picking up people at bus stops. At other times, half-empty buses drive past, they said.

Representatives of the Egged bus company met with the neighbourhood council in an effort to settle their differences. They are expected to meet again today.

Crowd protests Gilo bus service

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ABU SNAN. — Sheikh Abdallah Kheir, the first Druse in Israel who received a Beirut University degree, died yesterday at the age of 70. During the Mandatory period he was a district officer at Nabulus. In recent years Sheikh Abdallah devoted himself to building up a folklore and archaeological museum at his home, and turned down purchase offers for substantial sums.

Electic holiday food shopping 'like the stock exchange'

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Food shops were crowded again today as housewives sought to pick up not only for Yom Kippur eve but also for the Sukkot festival which begins next Monday.

"I don't blame them," said a security guard at one of the capital's supermarkets as he eyed the line of shoppers queuing up at checkout points. "It's a bit like the stock exchange, with consumers trying to smart the suppliers."

Many places of business and shops will be closed today, as will be schools. Most banks will close at 2 p.m., with Bank Hapoalim and Tel Aviv Bank branches closed at 10.

At Mahane Yehuda market in Jerusalem was swarming with men, women and children yesterday. Vendors seemed to be having a day. But fishermen were as expert shoppers watched a fish of several varieties unled, apparently new catches.

Rehov Agrippas, flanking the market on the south, not only sells but also complete tabernacles could be purchased for Sukkot. On Rehov Yaffo, to the north, the offering of arava minnim — os, palm branches, willow twigs, myrtle stems — were laid out on easel sales counters, next to the ting cards and skullcaps.

side the market, Arab "shoulders" circulated among the pers in the jammed lanes, offering sheep skins for sale.

there was not a carrot in sight about the market, following days in which prices for the vegetable took off and even hit IL15 per kilo. Last Sunday

they were selling at IL12 per kilo, and on September 8 for IL12.

Squash were also in short supply, and only a few stalls carried them. Among the most attractive produce were pumpkins, at IL4 per kilo; large Hermon Delicious apples, IL13; new-crop golden yellow sugarplums, IL10-12; okra, IL14; and brilliant firm red gamba peppers — IL12 per kilo.

Early cauliflower — not very attractive — was selling for IL4, while early and beautiful autumnal pumpkins were IL12-14. Pumpkins were sold at a unit price of IL25 each, rather than by weight, and mango — ripe or green — put you back IL30 a kilo yesterday.

Another relatively expensive item was avocados, at IL20-22 per kilo. The season's first table citrus — grapefruit — appeared rather small and hard, and was selling for about IL6. Sars of sweet corn, about ready to burst out for the season, were fetching IL7 when you could find them. A live rooster or hen was priced at IL17 per kilo, as compared with IL38 you had to pay for the same quantity of chopped meat.

Following are some prices observed in Mahane Yehuda yesterday, compared with those recorded on September 8:

Item	Yesterday	September 8
Grapefruit	IL4.5	IL5
Watermelons	IL7	IL2.50
Lemons	IL7	IL6
Potatoes	IL4.5	IL4
Pumpkins	IL6	IL5
Pomegranates	IL8	IL6
Apples	IL4-12	IL5-10
Cucumbers	IL10-12	IL6
Tomatoes	IL2-10	IL6
Peaches	IL6	IL7-10
Yellow melons	IL6	IL4
Green peppers	IL7-8	IL6
Cabbage	IL6	IL6
Bananas	IL12	IL9
Seedless grapes	IL14	IL12
Squash	IL8	IL5

Israel hoop squad wins

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

AVIV. — Israel yesterday edged its place among the first countries in the European football Championships after defeating Austria 10-17 in 11 legs. In final play-offs, Israel will come 5th to 8th places, together with Bulgaria, Holland, and Belgium.

first four of Europe will be the USSR, Yugoslavia and Poland.

Israel was confidently expected to

defeat Austria, and the win never appeared in danger, though the Austrians played well and often showed a close-knit defence. After a fine opening 10 minutes, the Israeli hoopers attempted too much individual virtuosity at the expense of teamwork. At halftime, Israel led 47-42, but in the second period, Israel's game improved again. Barry Lebavitz emerged as top scorer with 24 points, Mike Berkowitz scoring 22, and Steve Kaplan 18 points.

Tetschka with 23 points and Billick with 20 points were best for Austria.

Spiegler charged with indecent behaviour

TEL AVIV. — Mordechai Spiegler, former captain of the national football team, was charged by Magistrate's Court here yesterday with improper behaviour at sports field.

The incident took place in May 1976, before thousands of spectators at the Kiryat Haim stadium.

Spiegler took down his shorts and made an indecent gesture at the referee.

Ashdod and Ramle in cricket semi-finals

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Title-holders Tel Aviv meet Young Ashdod and Ramle face Ashdod in the Israel Cricket Association's League Cup semi-finals on Saturday. Both 45-over matches take place in Ashdod, starting at 10 a.m.

Nearly 20 teams took part in this year's league competition, the final of which will be played off in Ashdod on October 15, the ICA announced last night.

To date, Ashdod have won the trophy four times and Young Ashdod and Petah Tikva twice each, and Tel Aviv once.

Team National League next season

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

AVIV. — At the end of the coming soccer season four Second Division clubs will be promoted to National League, in exchange for the last two clubs from the National League.

It follows the Football Association's decision on Monday to establish a 16-team National League, in place of the 14-team National League, in the coming season.

clubs which initially opposed the league, bowed to the pressure of clubs who favoured the Macropool for 16 teams for financial reasons. The larger league will have an extra four games for each and a longer season.

Sunday the F.A. will decide number of teams to play in the 16-team National League which will determine the number of clubs to be promoted and how many Third Division clubs will be promoted.

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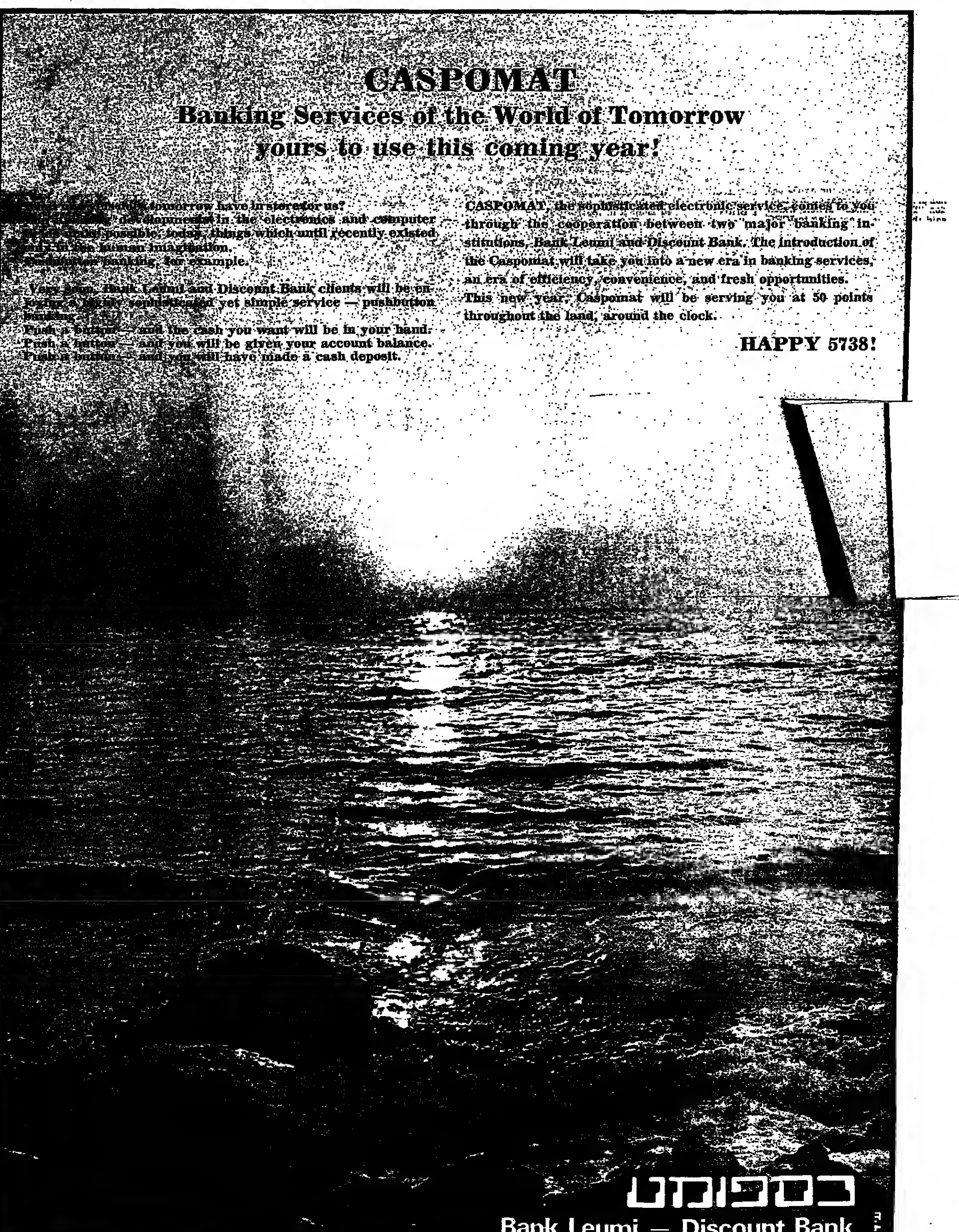
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All the Queen's Navy and all the zoo's men couldn't get Victor to his feet again, and the 15-year-old giraffe died of shock yesterday as workmen tried to lift the delicate beast in a canvas sling.

(AP radiophoto)

Final trauma claims Victor Giraffe, age 15

WINCHESTER, England (UPI). — Victor, the giraffe whose collapse after a night of love captured the attention of the world, died yesterday during attempts to get him back on his feet.

Veterinarians said Victor "just gave up" as Royal Navy dockyard experts tried to boost him to his feet in a giant sling.

Newspapers flashed bulletins of 15-year-old Victor's death as the scaffolding and winches that were to have brought him back to his feet were packed away. Hundreds of spectators who had cheered his attempt to stand filed quietly out of the zoo.

Victor, six metres tall and one ton in weight, had sat helplessly spreadeagled since Thursday, when zookeepers believe he fell while trying to mate with Arabesque, one of his wives.

He made two "valiant" attempts on Saturday to stand on his own, but was left so exhausted that his long neck drooped and had to be propped up on poles of hay.

Thousands of messages detailing plans to get the aging giraffe back on his feet poured in from around the world — so many, in fact, that the zoo took its phone off the hook and a special postal van was called in to deliver mail to the zoo every four hours.

Zoo owner John Knowles rejected many suggestions of raising Victor, which included an American hypnotist's offer to mesmerize him to his feet and a Briton's theory that a visit by a lion might be the answer.

But he finally settled on a plan by the Royal Navy to lift Victor in a sling of four-legged canvas trousers and then steady him in a padded crate.

He warned that the lift operation could be risky, because giraffes are delicate beasts. Knowles set Victor's chances of surviving at only 50-50, but said veterinarians had warned he would develop serious health complications if left sitting too long. Zookeepers said Victor appeared nervous yesterday morning as scaffolding was built around him for the lift operation. But he was given saline and glucose drips and a variety of energy-producing drugs and was stroked constantly by his keeper in an attempt to calm him.

"I think it is the shock of what has happened progressively," Knowles said. "And in this last trauma he didn't have the will to stand it."

"It is probably so with giraffes — they suppress their shock but their worry and concern is going on inside them."

"They reach the point where they just give up."

Koch defeats Cuomo in NY runoff

NEW YORK. — Congressman Edward Koch, a liberal who eased slightly to the right during the campaign, has won the runoff for the Democratic nomination to be the next mayor of Democrat-dominated New York.

Koch defeated Mario Cuomo, New York's secretary of state who had early backing from Governor Hugh Carey. The governor indicated on the eve of Monday's runoff that he would back the winner provided he won by a substantial margin.

"All of the people, people from every borough, must join together to rebuild New York," Koch, a five-term congressman, declared after capturing 55 per cent of the vote that all but assured his election as the city's 105th mayor. About 800,000 Democrats voted.

The 52-year-old Jewish bachelor from Greenwich Village reiterated a campaign theme that sacrifice must be made "to get the city back on its feet."

Koch's victory caps a long campaign that began with polls showing that only 2 per cent of New Yorkers recognized his name.

The five-term Manhattan congressman spent heavily on television advertising to gain recognition. Tirelessly, he worked subway platforms and street corners shaking hands and asking all comers: "Hi, I'm Ed Koch. How am I doing?"

Now, he's doing fine. Democrats outnumbered Republicans four to one here and Koch is the heavy favourite to win the November general election. Cuomo will be on the ballot as the Liberal Party candidate, and State Senator Roy Goodman is the Republican candidate. Radio talk-show host Barry Farber will represent the Conservative Party. But Cuomo's chances for victory, like those of Koch's other opponents, are considered bleak at best.

Koch seized the opportunity presented by widespread looting during the July 13 blackout and a city populace to whom crime was always the top issue. He portrayed himself as the toughest anti-crime fighter in the field of six challengers who set out to topple incumbent Mayor Abraham Beame.

Although Koch was a prominent liberal in Congress, he argued that

the National Guard should have been called out during the blackout. He urged the death penalty for certain crimes, although opponents were quick to point out that the mayor doesn't establish criminal penalties.

Koch gained steadily in the polls throughout the summer and finished on top in the primary 11 days ago, one percentage point ahead of Cuomo.

Koch beat Cuomo by a huge margin in Manhattan and established small leads in Brooklyn and the Bronx.

In Queens, his home borough, Cuomo broke even and he won Staten Island.

Blacks and Hispanics voted in small numbers, apparently seeing little to prefer in the choice between the Jewish congressman and the Italian-American Catholic state official.

More than 900,000 New Yorkers voted in the first round, about 200,000 more than turned out Monday. Four years ago the turnout increased for the runoff. (AP, Washington Post News Service)

Amin bans 27 sects

NAIROBI. — President Idi Amin's Ugandan government yesterday banned 27 religious sects and groups including the Salvation Army, Uganda Radio announced.

Also on the banned list were the Seventh Day Adventists and the Haifa-based Baha'i World Faith. A spokesman said that under President Amin, a Muslim, Moslems of worship were granted to four religious faiths: the Anglican Church of Uganda, Islam, the Roman Catholic, and the Ugandan Orthodox Church.

But he added that the activities of organizations which had been tolerated in the past had been seen to be "not conducive to the security of Uganda."

The radio then listed 27 religious sects and organizations.

First on the list was the Seventh Day Adventist Church. It has been established in Uganda for many

years and has a missionary and a hospital.

Next was the Salvation Army which runs a home for the disabled near Kampala. It has been praised for its work under its tor, Major Stella Bywater. Australian women.

The only Baha'i temple in Africa is on a hill near Kampala. It was before President Amin came to power in a coup in 1971.

Field Marshal Amin banned minor Christian sects in the past yesterday's sweeping measure preceded. Also banned was Ugandan Baptist Mission.

Ninety per cent of Uganda's population is estimated to be Christian, with the vast majority belonging to the Anglican Catholic churches. The other cent is Moslem. Uganda's military hierarchy is dominantly Moslem. (AP, Reuters)

Philippine troops launch reprisal attack on rebels

ISABELA, Philippines (AP). — War returned to the Southern Philippine island of Basilan yesterday as government soldiers supported by howitzers and aircraft went into action against suspected rebel concentrations, witnesses reported.

Army Colonel Salvador Mison, commander of the Basilan brigade, said he ordered the operation after leaders of the Moslem-controlled Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) ignored an ultimatum to surrender terrorists who allegedly killed 23 civilians with a land mine.

The fighting appeared to be the largest-scale military activity since a cease-fire last Christmas ended the guns of a four-year rebellion sparked by the liberation front. There have been periodic violations of the truce since then.

The artillery and air strike operations were launched this morning, Mison said late in the after-

noon. "Our ground troops are scouring the area." He said a two World War II-type plane used, "light planes, designed for strafing and bombing."

The government attack, retaliation for a land mine explosion on Saturday that destroyed a loaded with 81 workers government-owned rubber plantation. In addition 23 dead, the other 58 pass were wounded, 35 of them soldiers. Admiral Romulo Esgar over all military commander Southern Philippines, had the MNLF leaders with reprisal less those who planted the mine turned over to the military yesterday. Colonel Mison said he had no response and he led the operations with his 4,000 brigades "in compliance with timatun."

Europe urged to take steps against anti-Semitic mood

MILAN, Italy (AP). — The European branch of the World Jewish Congress has expressed distress at the "re-emergence of anti-Semitism" in Europe and called on governments to take steps to stem the growth of Nazism, spokesmen said yesterday.

"The sympathy expressed for the recently escaped war criminal Herbert Kappler, or the indifference to the fact that he may not have to complete his sentence, are an indication of this mood," said a resolution passed unanimously during a three-day meeting which ended here on Monday.

The resolution cited the spread of literature which "denies the suffering and murder of millions, particularly Jews, during the Nazi holocaust" and also "the wave of nostalgic reappraisals — in the media, books and films — of the role of Hitler and the Nazi movement."

The resolution blamed the trend in part on "the established ignorance by the younger generation of the crimes of the Nazis against Jews." It called on governments to ban racist literature and neo-Nazi movements, and to better educate youth on the Nazi period of history.

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New president of Cyprus ill

NICOSIA (Reuters). — Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou, in office for just 11 days, took ill at his desk yesterday and has been ordered to rest.

A government spokesman said he understood the president would not be going to hospital and that his illness was not serious.

But a heart specialist, Dr. Vatche Kalbian, was called from Nicosia General Hospital to treat Kyprianou. A usually reliable political source said the possibility of a cardiac problem had not been ruled out.

An official statement said: "The president of the republic, Spyros Kyprianou, today felt indisposed due to overwork. His treating physician, Dr. Kalbian, recommended him to take a rest."

Indians hold int'l pow wow on genocide

GENEVA (UPI). — Indians from North and Latin America, wearing traditional costumes, marched to the UN yesterday to voice their grievances.

They arrived over the week-end to attend a four-day conference sponsored by 80 international non-governmental organizations concerned with discrimination against the indigenous populations of North and Latin America.

Some of them will soon be touring Eastern Europe, where they plan to present their case prior to the forthcoming Helsinki Conference to review the Helsinki Agreement.

"We want to point out the tremendous genocide that is taking place daily in the U.S.," said Russell Means, head of the Indian American Movement.

About 70 Indians came from the U.S. and Canada, representing some of the most prominent tribes including the Iroquois, Creek, Sioux and Cayuga. Another 30 Indians from Panama, Guatemala and Bolivia are also attending the conference.

MOLUCCAS QUAKE — Two earthquakes, centred in the Moluccas Islands area in Indonesia yesterday, were registered in Jakarta yesterday. There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

Armed Portuguese prisoners end revolt, hostages freed

CUSTODIAS, Portugal (AP). — About a dozen armed prisoners surrendered to police at midday yesterday, ending a 24-hour jail revolt, police said. The prisoners had taken more than 20 hostages and demanded safe passage to North Africa.

A police spokesman said the inmates turned over their weapons and were transferred to a judicial police station in Oporto, a northern industrial centre.

Witnesses said the hostages, including prison employees and five women, were freed at 12.25. One hostage, believed to be prison director Joao Torres who was shot twice during the revolt, was "driven away" in an ambulance.

A male inmate who walked out was visibly upset and refused to

identify himself. But he said the rebels had "treated us humanely" since the uprising began in the prison canteen on Monday morning.

A lawyer for Jose Pinto, leader of the rebels and a former figure in right-wing causes in Portugal's one-time African colony of Angola, said concessions were made on both sides following hours of talks during the night. The lawyer said the concessions were vague.

Earlier, a spokesman for justice ministry officials sent to talk with the rebels said they would not negotiate. "The government cannot give in to blackmail," he said.

One inmate prisoner was killed and six persons were wounded in the shooting which erupted after the revolt began.

Parcel bomb kills two in Spain

BARCELONA, Spain (AP). — A parcel bomb exploded yesterday, killing two persons and injuring several others at the offices of well-known news magazine, police said.

The victims were the porter of the building and a girl operating the telephone switchboard of "El Papus," a magazine often the target of threats from rightist groups opposing pornography and autonomy moves in Catalonia, which the publication frequently deals with.

The porter died instantly as the bomb exploded in his hands. Some visitors had handed him a parcel for the manager of the magazine. The

parcel went off as the porter was about to deliver it.

The telephone girl died from injuries she sustained as the explosion threw her out of the building into the street.

The bombing came as the government of Premier Adolfo Suarez reportedly appeared ready to give provisional autonomy to the four Catalan provinces taken away in 1939 by General Francisco Franco. Radical right-wing groups in Catalonia had threatened violent action in an effort to stop the autonomous project.

A \$20m. pay-off for Jacqueline Onassis

NEW YORK (AP). — Jacqueline Onassis has negotiated a \$20m. settlement with the daughter of her husband, Aristotle Onassis, in return for relinquishing any further claims to the estate of the shipping magnate, "The New York Times" reported yesterday.

In a story from Athens, the "Times" said Christina Onassis agreed to the \$20m. figure, about double what Mrs. Onassis could have expected under the terms of her husband's will, because she was eager to cut all ties with her stepmother. She also was advised that Mrs. Onassis would not consider anything less than \$20m. as a settlement.

Although initial reports after Onassis' death were that he had left

his widow some \$200m., it was revealed when the will was made public in June 1976 that he had left her only \$100,000 a year from tax-free bonds and \$100,000 a year from other income for herself and \$50,000 for her children.

The bequest was to have been paid through a foundation in Liechtenstein, and the bulk of the shipping tycoon's estate was to go to his daughter, now 26, and to a foundation in memory of his late son, Alexander, who was killed in a plane crash in 1973 at age 28.

Onassis' hand-written will, dated January 3, 1974, indicated that Mrs. Onassis had signed a document in New York in which she relinquished all rights to her late husband's estate.

However, the "Times" quotes friends of Christina Onassis as saying that soon after her father's death, Mrs. Onassis and her brother-in-law, Senator Edward Kennedy, began pressing the bequest to increase the bequest to Mrs. Onassis.

Mrs. Onassis' share of her father's estate is estimated at \$250m.

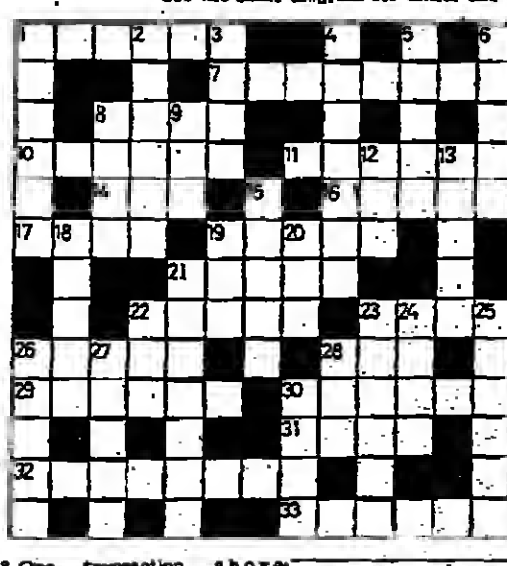
Friends of Christina Onassis said she opposed her father's marriage in 1958 to the widow of President Kennedy and was never able to get close to her. The relationship was said to have become even more strained after Onassis' death, although his daughter made a statement to the contrary and denied reports that her father had planned to divorce his wife.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- Catering strike? (3)
 - Put one politician in iron man? (3)
 - Alibi's sphere? (4)
 - Slender vegetable nor mineral? (5)
 - It's best if returning home (5)
 - Musical opener? (3)
 - Refuge to keep replicating notes (5)
 - Links with the cap (4)
 - Applied as bracelet (5)
 - On the lawn, it starts a warm cup of the war (5)
 - Leave almost fresh water (5)
 - Superman's hair treatment (5)
 - More time needed to have had a session with the Editor (5)
 - I'm after a letter written by Kipling (3)
 - Some time spent wisely (5)
 - Giving one's views on a fine piece of jewellery (5)
 - Player with a faraway look (4)
 - Caddy in a hot way (4)
 - Clashes over the proceeds (5)
- DOWN
- Stone, a barometer, is an oldies one? (5)
 - Are oldies one? (5)
 - It has over 250 in it (4)
 - Advertisement for a cave? (5)
 - Is the little man called? (5)
 - Place wood used (5)
 - Something hidden briefly (4)
 - Some king (5)
 - Resistant number two, initially (3)
 - Almost serious cut (5)
 - Seen with soft hands (5)
 - One transaction above improvement? (5)
 - Good, an accordion piece? (5)
 - Days on the river? (5)
 - Food and drink? (5)
 - Came together (or less) (3)
 - Steal a trip product (5)
 - He looks on frozen from (5)
 - Just the chap to master (5)
 - Decade from 'Toms' (5)
 - Esperanto? (3)
 - Not really like Arthur? (5)



EASY PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- Swamp (3)
 - Slushy (5)
 - Acorn (4)
 - Accout (5)
 - Attraction (5)
 - Your (3)
 - Borrow (3)
 - Compass point (3)
 - Elephant tooth (5)
 - Frills (5)
 - Nervous (5)
 - Widow (4)
 - Yield (5)
 - Head-scratcher (5)
 - Glossy paint (5)
 - Insurance document (5)
 - Very small (5)
 - Comedian (5)
 - Registers (5)
- DOWN
- Stone (3)
 - On fire (5)
 - Normal (5)
 - Slacks (5)
 - Knockout (5)
 - Drunkard (5)
 - Edgy (3)
 - Armstrong (5)
 - Stuffed (5)
 - Mashed (5)
 - Swarm (5)
 - Bate out (3)
 - Arise! (5)
 - Reluctant (5)
 - Headache (5)
 - Song (4)
 - Second slave (5)
 - Moonland (5)
 - Confusing amount (5)
 - Ed (3)
 - Respect (5)

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS — 1. Droop, 5. Index, 8. Cuddles, 12. Aspen, 13. Lacerate, 15. Alibi, 16. Viewer, 19. Quilt, 20. Unkind, 22. Aunt, 24. Rich, 25. Toddler, 26. Albany, 27. Sick, 28. Gift, 29. Tedious, 30. Flood, 31. Nerve.

DOWN — 2. Rustle, 3. Octopus, 4. Pun, 5. Laver, 6. Ill-fate, 7. Nest, 8. Empress, 12. Parve, 13. About, 14. Mocha, 15. Awful, 16. Bump, 17. Victim, 19. Quilted, 21. Michel, 22. Advice, 23. Nested, 24. Tunic, 26. Alto, 27. Gum.

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Echoes of the Days of Awe

By SAMUEL MALAVSKY

OW WELL a Jew of the old country calls the impact of the approach of the High Holy Days. With the advent of the month of Elul, a devout earnestness settled on the Jewish community. Echoes of sacred music filled the air, beginning with the singing of the month of Elul and extending through Shemini Atzeret. It concludes the Succot observances.

It was natural that I, a most devout choir boy, should take this month more seriously than my peers. When I was quite young, I decided to dedicate my life to the synagogue. I always managed to be in the congregation whenever a visiting cantor came to my home town of Slatina, in the province of Kiev. At that time, cantors would come from parts of old Russia to exhibit their talents. I developed a deep love for cantorial music, even before I understood the texts or the differences between the sacred modes.

Most appealing to my taste was cantor with a tear in his voice. I could feel the hearts of his listeners. This may have been due to number of reasons: the subject matter of my little town; the lovely melody with which my father intoned his midnight prayers; or perhaps it was the influence of my mother's devotion of the post-Sabbath prayer, of Abraham, with its soulful melody. The fact remains that only a cantor with a heart-dying cry in his voice captured my eye. It just so happened that the joy of Slatina Jews shared my sentiments.

ALL illustrate what I mean by a anecdote which speaks for itself. The renowned cantor Moshe Kretzky once visited Slatina to lead the service. He was fresh from famous synagogue of Kiev, where he was endowed by the wealthy family. The cantor was dressed in the height of fashion, in a dress suit, a top hat and a well-worn coat. That particular Sabbath, he conducted the services in the big Slatina Synagogue. The entire congregation, men, women and children, followed after him and came to listen to his service.

At his audience was disappointed. Their great expectations were let down. He conducted the service like a modern, well-nerved singer — polished, correct, neat, but without the sob in his eye. The Slatina Jews were not used to Cantor Kretzky got a cold. The services were dry. This connection I wish to connect that Cantor Kretzky was born

in Slatina. He was the local boy who made good — outside. To the Jews of Slatina his cantorial style sounded artificial, studied and strange. How does the saying go? "You can teach a bear to dance, but he still remains a bear." You could be a graduate of a prominent music conservatory, but that does not make you a cantor. For the Jews of Slatina, a cantor was born, not made.

Coming out of the synagogue that Sabbath morning, Cantor Kretzky walked smack into the shoemaker of Slatina, who did not believe in miming words. He had known Cantor Kretzky as a youngster. Tell me, Moehke, how come that you, the renowned cantor of the Brodsky Shul of Kiev, could go through an entire Sabbath service without stirring anybody to tears?

That enraged Cantor Kretzky, and he answered curtly: "If the Slatina Jews want to cry, let them bang their heads against the walls till it hurts. Then they will cry to their heart's content."

THE ENTIRE secret of the cantorial art can be found in the above question and answer. It is quite apparent to those who consider themselves lovers of Jewish music. They know instinctively the difference between a singer and a cantor; a reciter and an improviser; an ordinary chanter and a sincere intoner of the Jewish prayer. The difference is like the difference between night and day.

Here, I would like to reminisce a bit about the prologue to the High Holy Days prayers — the first Selichot. I shall never forget the profound impression the first Selichot made on me in my sentimental formative years. The sorrow of a 2,000-year-old exile was reflected in the way my fellow Jews went to the services. The late Selichot service took place at 4 a.m. of a chilly, autumn night. The congregants of Slatina were bowed down with a fear of the coming Judgement Day and the heavy yoke of asking out a livelihood in this long winter ahead. These sentiments are aptly expressed in some of the Selichot prayers, e.g., "Like the poor and the impoverished who knock upon Thy doors. Do not turn us away empty-handed from Thy presence." Other poetic prayers are written in the same vein, such as, "How much we endure." "The soul is Thine" and "Our Lord pressed heavily upon us."

The memory of those midnight

prayers is deeply engraved on my soul for life. When I came to America, I looked forward to the Selichot service. I got my first yearly position as a cantor in Bensonhurst (N.Y.), which was called Bath Beach in 1915-1916. I remember concluding my own Selichot service and then rushing over by subway to East 118th Street to the Ohav Tzedek Synagogue, where the revered Cantor Yossele Rosenblatt conducted his service. I shall never forget the scene. It was early dawn, and the Ohav Tzedek Synagogue could only accommodate 2,000 persons. Just as many stood outside looking in.

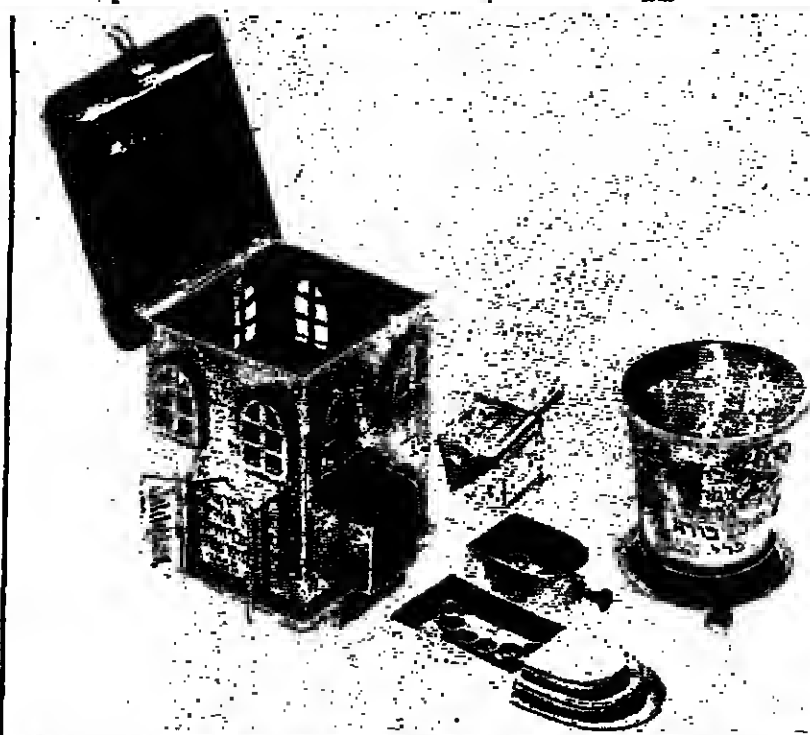
When I escorted Cantor Yossele Rosenblatt to the synagogue, a few policemen had to clear a way for us through the dense crowd that blocked the entrance. How impressive the well-lighted synagogue looked in the night. It had a large platform, on which were seated two prominent rabbis: Ohav Tzedek's Hillel Hachohen Klein and Bernard Drachman.

In the front rows sat the writer Sholem-Aleichem and the Yiddish actors Jacob Adler, Boris Tomashevsky and David Kessler — each a genius in his own right. That was the time a congregation had something to see and to hear simultaneously. I had the unique satisfaction of seeing with my own eyes how the great writer, Sholem-Aleichem, kissed the beloved Yossele.

LATER, I had the honour of holding a position as cantor in the beautiful Magen Abraham Synagogue in Detroit, for two years. It was one of the outstanding houses of worship in America at that time, and I have not seen its equal. It was a holy centre of Torah and action. There the Gemara, Mishnah and Ayin Yaakov were diligently studied. Charity was given generously to all deserving causes. There the Selichot services were also conducted at 4 a.m. All the local cantors, headed by the rintronic Cantor Abraham Minkowsky, came to hear me lead the Selichot services.

To my sorrow, synagogues of that calibre are almost extinct in America. In recent years, a number of prominent cantors, and I among them, conduct High Holy Day services in hotels. Most hotels do not recognize the post-midnight Selichot services. Jews who love to hear real cantorial renditions, and not the abbreviated selections that must be completed at a scheduled time, are also deprived of the talents of the old-time cantors.

(The author is a prominent veteran cantor in the U.S.)



The above silver representation of the Hurva synagogue has been opened up to reveal all the ceremonial objects required by the travelling orthodox Jewish family: tallit, kippah, shofar, sabbath candles, etc. It is one of the young original Jewish ceremonial art objects created by Michael Ende, a young artist and former tourist guide, now on show at the Jerusalem House of Quality.

FROM MY JERUSALEM KITCHEN/Sybil Zimmerman

Bounty of the land

SUCCOT is a harvest festival and thus one should serve dishes made of the bounty of the land — eggplants, peppers, squashes, pumpkin, vine leaves, etc.

- STUFFED CABBAGE**
4 servings
- 2 1/2 cups water
 - 2 l. salt
 - 1/2 cup rice
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 12 large cabbage leaves
 - 2 cups canned cooked tomatoes
 - 1/2 cup raisins
 - 2 chopped onions
 - 1/2 kilo ground beef
 - 1/2 l. pepper
 - 2 egg
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 l. phirgor
1. Bring 2 1/2 cups water and 1 l. salt to boil in a pan. Add the rice and cook until done (about 25 minutes). Set aside.
2. Boil 4-5 cups water in a second pan. Add cabbage leaves and cook 5 minutes. Drain in strainer or colander and set aside.
3. Combine cooked tomatoes, 1/2 cup raisins and 1 chopped onion in a large pot. Mix together in a bowl the ground beef, 1 chopped onion, cooked rice, 1 l. salt, pepper, egg and 1/2 cup raisins.
3. Spread out cabbage leaves on table. Place 1 T. meat and rice mixture in the center of each cabbage leaf. Roll up so the filling is well enclosed. Secure with a toothpick.
- PUMPKIN CUSTARD**
4 servings
- 2 eggs
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 l. salt
 - 1 cup pureed pumpkin squash (drained)
 - 1/2 l. ginger
 - 1/2 l. nutmeg
 - 1/2 l. cinnamon
 - dash cloves
 - 1 T. boiling water
 - 1 cup milk or
 - 1/2 cup parve whip and 1/2 cup water
 - 1/2 l. grated orange rind
 - whipping cream (optional)
1. Beat egg in a mixing bowl. Add sugar, salt and pumpkin.
2. In small dish, mix ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon and cloves with boiling water into a paste, then add to pumpkin mixture. Stir in milk or parve whip and water and orange rind and blend.
3. Pour into greased oven-proof custard cups or an oven-proof glass loaf pan or oven-proof glass casserole. Place glass container in a baking pan with approximately 1 1/2 inches (3 1/2 cm.) of water. Bake in 325°F (170°C) oven 1 hour or until a knife inserted near the edge comes out clean. Good with whipped cream on top.

Kol Nidre, a melody of pain and protest

By JACOB BELLER

THE KOL NIDREI melody expresses the distress and the suffering of the Jewish people have undergone throughout their history until our own day, when the Jews are still an exposed target. It starts off in quiet, tender tones like a prayer for mercy and rises to higher strains and a powerful cry of protest against oppression.

Before reciting Kol Nidrei, the prayer leader asks for the permission of God and of the community of Israel to pray in union with those who have been compelled to swear falsely and to assume obligations contrary to the Jewish religion. During and after the Spanish Inquisition countless thousands of Marranos were forced to live as Christians while secretly continuing to observe Jewish customs.

Because the prayer deals with the annulment of vows, it has been attacked on the grounds that Jews can swear falsely all year round and simply obtain forgiveness for their spurious oaths on the Day of Atonement. In Vienna, a Professor Rolling once made this charge publicly, saying that Jews perjure themselves throughout the year in anticipation of Kol Nidrei. Dr. Samuel Jacob Bloch, editor of "Oesterreichische Juedische Wochenschrift," challenged him in the courts and established that the annulment applied to oaths made by Jews who were forced to swear allegiance to another faith.

In 19th-century Holland, a country traditionally friendly to the Jews, an anti-Semitic professor came up with a similar charge. The late Rabbi Julius T. chief rabbi of Utrecht and editor of the "Joodische Post," also challenged the anti-Jewish professor to a public trial, and the public at large condemned the slander.

THE SOUNDS of Kol Nidrei have touched forgotten chords even among those departed from Jews and Judaism.

When the famed composer Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy visited his poet friend, Heinrich Heine, after both had already acquired the passport to European society (as Heine described his apostasy), Heine said, "Felix, tonight Kol Nidrei is being chanted in the synagogues. Play it for me." And the melody brought tears to both their eyes.

The tune has even aroused admiration in non-Jews. Nicholas Lanau, a Catholic poet of the Romantic period in Austria, wrote: "I heard it in my native town on Yom Kippur eve when I slipped into the syn-

agogue in the Jewish quarter and stood by myself in a corner... I was deeply attracted by it and tears would swell up in my eyes. Despair and hope, pain and distress would merge in this chant, I felt at once pained and purified.

"When I stepped out of the synagogue in the stillness of the night I felt my soul free of the slightest hemlock. Who composed this music? No one knows. It has been transmitted from one generation to the next. The songs of a people's sorrow are not the creation of an individual — they pour out of the collective hearts of hundreds and of thousands. What I wouldn't give to have a friend chant this melody when I die."

Frans Liszt, the great Hungarian composer and pianist who mesmerized Europe with his remarkable virtuosity, maintained that Jewish musicians were not on the same level as those of pure Aryan descent. But when he visited the great "Seitenstettengasse Synagogue in Vienna on Yom Kippur eve and heard a cantor singing Kol Nidrei, he changed his mind. In the book in which he compared the music scales of the Gypsies and the Jews, he wrote:

"Only once we witnessed what a real Judaic art could be if the Jews would pour out their suppressed passions and sentiments and reveal the glow of their fire in the art forms of their Asiatic genius..."

"I went to the synagogue in order to hear cantor Solomon Sulzer, the famous tenor, whose reputation is so outstanding. For moments we could penetrate into his real soul and recognize the secret doctrines of the fathers... Seldom were we so deeply stirred by emotion as on that evening, so shaken that our soul was entirely given to meditation and to participation in the service."

MANY legends exist to explain the origin of this eternal Jewish melody. The most common one is that it was created by the Marranos.

One story has it that Don Manuel, a crypto-Jew who held an important post in the Spanish royal court during the Inquisition, was condemned to the stake for "Judaizing." But the king, who appreciated his abilities and merits, wanted to save him and suggested that he confess and express his remorse, whereupon he would be forgiven. Don Manuel told the king that he sought no favour and would express no remorse. He then stepped forward fearlessly and went to his death singing Kol Nidrei.

A sanitary tale — Part II

Quick end to a mini-epidemic

my last column I wrote about an outbreak of infective gastro-enteritis in kibbutz and discussed the most important aspect of treating this condition in childhood, fluid replacement. Today I will talk about other aspects of treatment and about how the outbreak came to an end. Results of the laboratory tests, from the kibbutz children and who worked in the children's canteen, where the outbreak had, did not arrive until a week after the first three children had died. These stool tests revealed presence of shigellae bacteria, meant that the mini-epidemic was of mild dysentery, not, as I had predicted, the original cases had completely died up although two further had since developed in the canteen's house. These, too, were by well on the road to recovery, giving these results with the children and the kindergarten.

I emphasized the need to maintain heightened hygiene until the outbreak was as indicated by three consecutive negative stool tests from all who had been at any time exposed to the organism.

From bacterial and viral infections, infective diarrhoea in children and adults, too, can be caused by bacteria and protozoa, with the latter often give rise to a less acute and more prolonged type of disease. Intestinal worms have been blamed as causing it, but in my experience more frequently present small stool organisms, which are eliminated by specific drug but, again, if they initially cause an acute diarrhoea, the use of treatment must still be directed towards fluid replacement.

A DOCTOR'S NOTEBOOK

Dr. David Samson

Most episodes of infective childhood diarrhoea will prove to be self-limiting, will respond perfectly satisfactorily to fluid replacement alone and will clear up entirely within a few days. I do not, therefore, routinely order laboratory investigations in all cases since these are often negative anyway (with a presumed viral cause), and the results often arrive when the child is already better. Exceptions to this approach occur when an outbreak affects a tight-knit community such as a kibbutz or boarding school (where there is a greater than usual chance of the infection spreading), or where the condition persists, even in a less acute form, for more than about five or six days.

As for antibiotics in treating this condition, they are ineffective against viruses, which are responsible for many of the cases, and, indeed, they themselves may sometimes cause diarrhoea as a side-effect. And it has been demonstrated that even in proven bacterial infection where the organism is sensitive (according to laboratory tests) to antibiotics, the episode clears up just as quickly without antibiotic treatment as with it. Indeed with some types of bacterial infection, those that are given antibiotics continue to excrete the organism for a longer time (and therefore remain a potential source of infection for a longer time) than those who are not.

That antibiotics don't confer any benefits in the usual type of self-limiting case should be reason enough alone to preclude their use but there is an even more important consideration in withholding them in such circumstances. Some bacteria

that commonly cause gastro-enteritis and others with which they are often in close and continuous contact may occasionally be responsible for a far more severe generalised systemic illness where the use of antibiotics may be life-saving. If these organisms have already developed resistance to a wide range of antibiotics, treatment of these serious conditions is naturally much more difficult.

How do these bacteria develop this resistance? Well, they may have done so as a result of previous exposure to these antibiotics. Or these bacteria may actually have had it transferred to them from other organisms that normally inhabit the bowel without causing any harm. These harmless bacteria may in turn have developed their resistance from previous exposure to antibiotics, perhaps when they were prescribed judiciously for a previous attack of diarrhoea. This latter phenomenon where the use of antibiotics causes the use of antibiotics to be life-saving, is known as transference of drug resistance. Obviously this has implications for other instances of indiscriminate antibiotic use.

Symptomatic treatments for infective gastro-enteritis, such as mixtures containing kaolin or codeine, and various other proprietary substances, are available "over the counter" are often claimed to be capable of curtailing the duration of diarrhoea. Such claims are always difficult to assess objectively since the condition is usually so short-lived. At best they may be marginally helpful; at worst they probably do no harm although they may cause a disagreeable constipation after the diarrhoea has cleared up. I try to avoid using such "remedies," especially with children, and I have never felt that my patients were at a disadvantage for my so doing.

The acute phase of the kibbutz epidemic lasted about three weeks and was confined to the children's houses. Thanks mainly, I'm sure, to painstaking sanitary precautions taken by the nurse and the teachers. Seven children in all had diarrhoea although more extensive laboratory tests showed that all children and one of the adults excreted the organism at some point. After a further two weeks all the relevant stool tests were negative for shigellae on three successive occasions. I could then pronounce the mini-epidemic officially over.

SCIENTISTS' CALL TO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

Current events affecting our country and our people ought to lead us all to re-examine our situation — as individuals and as a nation. As we consider the root causes of these events, we are bound to feel acutely the sense of isolation foreshadowed in the Biblical prediction: "The people shall dwell alone, and not be reckoned among the nations."

Ever since Abraham, "all the world has been in one camp, and Abraham in the other" — right down to our own times, which have seen the Holocaust and the national resurgence of the Jewish people. And we stand, as our forefathers stood on the shore of the Red Sea, with mortal enemies on all sides, far and near, waiting to strike us down. The belief expressed in the verse: "The Lord alone did lead him," has given us strength to withstand the trials of the years of exile, and survive to the present day. It is our hope that the promise: "Stand firm and you will see the salvation of the Lord" will be fulfilled in our generation.

We call on every Jew to observe the mitzva of reading the "Shema Yisrael" morning and evening.

This passage, expressing boundless dedication to the infinite, universal G-d, has accompanied the Jewish People throughout its history.

It is the embodiment of our distinctive, yet universal, faith. "The Lord our G-d" — He rules over us now; "The Lord is

one" — in time to come He will rule over all the earth, as the Prophet writes: "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth; on that day shall the Lord be one, and His name one." (Zacharia 14, 9)

We call on all parents of young children to read the "Shema Yisrael" with their sons and daughters, thus imbuing them with Judaism's basic faith. This faith is a belief in G-d as the creator and master of the world; it is a love of the Torah, of the People of Israel and of the Land of Israel. We believe that the acceptance of the rule of heaven implicit in the verses of "Shema Yisrael" will influence every one of us to deal honestly, truthfully, peacefully; we believe that the observance of one mitzva leads to the observance of others.

Now that "Shema Yisrael" is read on the radio every morning, a great many Israelis join daily in prayer, acknowledging the rule of the Lord. Our agencies linked the daily reading of "Shema Yisrael" to another "Shema Yisrael," pronounced in time of war. "Hear O Israel, we approach this day unto battle... let not your hearts be faint... for the Lord your G-d goeth with you" (Deuteronomy 20, 3). They commented as follows: Even if your observance is only the reading of Shema, morning and evening, you will not be delivered into their hand. May the Lord cause the evil and hate against Israel, now voiced on every side, to vanish as smoke. May we soon be found worthy of a true peace and full redemption.

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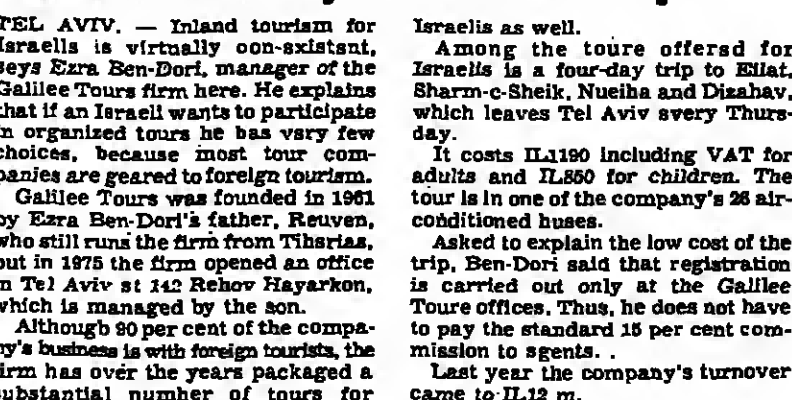
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TEL AVIV. — Inland tourism for Israelis is virtually non-existent, says Ezra Ben-Dori, manager of the Galilee Tours firm here. He explains that if an Israeli wants to participate in organized tours he has very few choices, because most tour companies are geared to foreign tourists. Galilee Tours was founded in 1961 by Ezra Ben-Dori's father, Reuven, who still runs the firm from Tiberias, and in 1975 the firm opened an office in Tel Aviv at 142 Rehov Hayarok, which is managed by the son.

Although 90 per cent of the companies cater to foreign tourists, the firm has over the years packed in a substantial number of tours for Israelis as well.

Among the tours offered for Israelis is a four-day trip to Eilat, Sharm-el-Sheikh, Nu'eiba and Dizahab, which leaves Tel Aviv every Thursday.

It costs IL190 including VAT for adults and IL250 for children. The tour is in one of the company's 25 air-conditioned buses.

Asked to explain the low cost of the trip, Ben-Dori said that registration is carried out only at the Galilee Tours offices. Thus, he does not have to pay the standard 15 per cent commission to agents.

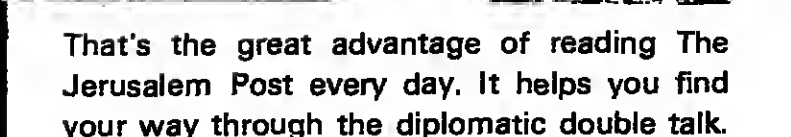
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TOMORROW, four years will have passed since the surprise attack by Egypt and Syria, on Yom Kippur.

The thought that the blow could have taken us practically unawares — that its arrival, so obvious in retrospect, was not foretold — still rankles. The bitter row over responsibility for the inevitable early reverses has not died down. Echoes of the national trauma keep reverberating.

But at least there is strong evidence that, after honouring the war dead, the nation has redoubled its resolve to protect its living. While the right policy in trying to achieve peace remains in dispute, the methods of deterring — and, if need be, foreseeing and decisively combating — another assault is a matter of general agreement.

In the past four years the country's armed forces have, according to all available reports, reached a new peak of preparedness. The weaponry at their disposal has been roughly tripled in amount, and greatly improved in sophistication; their stores of munitions have been moved closer to potential firing lines; better early warning systems and intelligence techniques have been introduced; and the army brass has gone some way towards refining its overall strategic concept.

The agreements for separation of forces reached with Egypt and Syria — and the truce violation machinery set up by the UN — have also provided some, though hardly fool-proof, guarantee against a fresh surprise.

At the same time, the Arab confrontation states appear to have been lagging behind militarily. Much of the Egyptian arsenal is suffering the consequences of the rift with its old supplier, the Soviet Union, and some of it is currently directed westward at Libya. The Syrian army, though amply re-equipped by the Russians, is in large part still bogged down in Lebanon. And Jordan, beneficiary though it is of fine U.S. arms, is not yet ready to repeat the disastrous adventure of ten years ago.

Yet the picture of a clear-cut superiority for Israel, all too readily acknowledged in pro-Arab quarters, is apt to be highly misleading. Not unexpectedly, it now serves as an excuse for the mammoth rearmament of the Arab oil countries — which, sooner or later, will surely pass on their lethal toys to the confrontation states.

Indeed, if even the present armed strength of Israel's more distant — and, for the most part, more hostile — neighbours is placed on the scales, the numerical balance will already tilt dangerously in favour of the Arabs.

Experience, too, has shown that internal rifts will not prevent Arab states from provoking a war, if opportunity seems to beckon. That is one inescapable lesson of Nasser's push into Sinai at the very time of his heavy involvement in Yemen, back in 1967.

More importantly, Arab leaders who have made peace-pleading their speciality, such as President Sadat, do not tire of reiterating their determination to resume war if their terms for settlement are not accepted. The time is surely past when Israel, of all people, could discount such warnings as domestic propaganda designed to divert attention from the pressing internal problems of Egypt or any other Arab state.

Nor can it be argued any longer that Arab leaders themselves would be deterred by the military defeat new aggression would invite on them. As they see it, the Arab nation can afford to sustain much greater destruction, and loss of life, than Israel; and because they possess the oil means to press the West even a military debacle should redound to the Arabs' benefit, diplomatically.

That is clearly the conclusion that has been drawn in the Arab capitals from the Yom Kippur War.

It may be doubted whether Israel could dissuade the Arabs from acting on this theory even by suggesting to them that their war losses would most likely surpass their wildest estimates.

What Israel must do, and, in terms of military preparedness, has done, is to make certain that the boomerang effect of another Arab strike would indeed be powerful enough to make its diplomatic mark as well.

POSTSCRIPTS

"SHE WEARS so much make-up. Blue eye shadow and these long eyelashes and powder and this really shiny pink lipstick. And her hair is all piled up on top with these curls around her ears, and she wears these big circle earrings, the biggest you ever saw. Then she always wears these long maxi-dresses, all the way down to her ankles, and I mean there's stripes on the top and all these millions of little flowers all along the bottom. And there's like these lace things around her collar, and she wears these gold chains and things — one with a watch and one with a star and one's just this fancy chain. Then she has about a million bracelets running up her arms, and this huge ring with a milky-white stone in it, and another little tiny ring, you can hardly see it's there, on her little finger, her pinky. She has these long spiky shoes, shiny red, and she walks a little funny on them. And she always has this perfume that smells like flowers — or maybe it's powder. She talks very slow, and she looks like a little doll, like a little doll who's worried about the lipstick, and she smokes — I saw her, and she always has apples in her purse. And why does she need those spiky shoes if she's so tall? And when she talks she moves her hands a lot and those bracelets make all sorts of noise."

This is the response we got when we asked our ten-year-old recently: "And what is your new roomer teacher like?"

A ROLLS-ROYCE with gold plate fittings which is claimed to be "the most expensive car in the world" was sold recently in London for \$283,500 (£146m.) — reportedly to an Arab businessman. The Associated Press describes the specially equipped Rolls-Royce Phantom VI

Landauette as having \$4,000 (£1,700) worth of gold plating, a gold-plated cocktail bar, a two-way radio between the driver and passengers, a television set, an electrically operated rear seat, a radio telephone, separate air conditioning front and rear, a stereo radio, green leather upholstery for the driver and green velvet for the passengers, a 6.25 litre engine which can drive the 2 1/2 ton car at over 160 kilometres an hour on around 8 kilometres per litre, and a special burglar alarm, in addition to the general alarm system, to protect the gold plated Rolls-Royce flying lady mascot on the hood.

Presumably the new owner will have easy access to plenty of petrol — and the means to purchase it.

THOSE SALTY old fellows from the khaki-shorts generation can be pretty clever chaps, especially when they come up against one of our jeans generation. One of the latter was fighting in his flashy car the other day near Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market as an old woman tottered past with her groceries. She didn't totter fast enough for young Mr. Jeans, however, and he impatiently sounded his hooter again and again, much to the annoyance of all those on the scene. Whether she heard or not, the woman continued at her turtle's pace. Observing all this, a white-haired oldtimer in khaki shorts set down his food basket on the sidewalk and stepped up to the car window, where he told the young man that smoke was coming out from the bonnet of his car. Alarmed, the young dude leaped out, opened up the bonnet and peered in — whereupon the oldtimer blasted the hooter. The car owner surfaced pale and spinning.

THE ARGUMENTS put forward by Doris Lankin ("Paradons in Perspective," The Jerusalem Post, September 18) as to the propriety of Mr. Begin's recommendation to the President concerning Yehoshua Bension's release from prison, were elegant and appealing. But a proper sense of balance needs to be restored. For while Mrs. Lankin may have convinced me of the integrity of Mr. Begin's motivations, she certainly has not persuaded me that the Prime Minister's actions were correct from either a legal or a moral standpoint.

The ambiguity of the relationship between the President of the State and the Minister of Justice — the capacity in which Mr. Begin was acting — emerges clearly from Mrs. Lankin's analysis, and undoubtedly lies at the heart of the constitutional issue over the exercise of pardon. As Mrs. Lankin points out, the Basic Law is: President of the State apparently places the prerogative of clemency firmly in the hands of the President, and makes no reference to any recommending body.

The practice has developed, however, of processing clemency applications through the Justice Ministry. The main reason for this practice is the stipulation in the above law that the presidential act requires the countersignature of the Prime Minister, or some other minister whom the government may designate for the purpose. In the case of pardons, the government designated the Justice Minister. (In military cases, the Defence Minister adds his signature.) In this way the law indirectly makes a member of

Prime Minister Menahem Begin's action in recommending presidential pardon for Yehoshua Bension, argues LESLIE SEBBA, was wrong on both

legal and moral grounds; a revision of penal policy may be desirable, but it should not be confined to a single well-connected individual.

The Bension affair

the government a party to the presidential act — and this is used as an argument to justify the active role currently played by the Justice Ministry in this area.

In accordance with current practice, officials of the ministry investigate each petition and collect all the seemingly relevant material relating to the offender and his offence. On the basis of the analysis of this material, the Justice Minister forwards his opinion about the case and forwards the petition to the President, together with his recommendation. This creates the impression of a *fait accompli* that needs only the President's rubber-stamp.

It is true that all parties concerned emphasize that the last word is in fact the President's. However, when the recommending minister is the Prime Minister, and when the Prime Minister is Menahem Begin and the recommendation is delivered at a personal meeting with the President, whatever is suggested would seem to be well-nigh irresistible.

WE NOW COME to the nature of the considerations on which the

minister's decision to grant — or refuse to grant — clemency should be based.

The discretion of the President in this matter is said to be almost limitless, and may be exercised subjectively — according to one Supreme Court opinion, even arbitrarily.

In view of his immunity from judicial review in matters related to his public office, it is difficult to determine the accuracy of this view — whether, for example, the arbitrary exercise of discretion could be a ground for judicial intervention, or how far this discretion would be exercised in a "quasi-judicial" manner.

To some extent, however, the President operates from an ivory tower, in which he cannot be assailed.

This is not true of the recommending minister. The requirement of the ministerial counter-signature was introduced, in Mrs. Lankin's words, "to provide some kind of parliamentary responsibility for the President's actions, since he himself is not responsible to the Knesset."

What then is the true function of the counter-signing minister? Two possible interpretations may be placed on his role.

First, he must refrain from interfering in the pardoning decision, leaving the matter to the exclusive judgment of the President — although he takes parliamentary responsibility for the outcome.

Second, he may play an active role in the decision-making process, in order to ensure that he will be able to defend the outcome before the legislature.

The latter seems to be the interpretation on which prevailing practice is based. The ministerial role is to restrain — or attempt to restrain — the President from acting in a manner which would be indefensible from the public point of view.

The minister is not thrust into the role of a second President, whereby both figures are entitled to give vent to their personal whims. And herein lies the fallacy of Mrs. Lankin's argument: That whether Begin's conviction (as to the need to release Bension) was well-founded or not is irrelevant, since it was based on personal opinion.

If a member of the government is to participate in the pardoning decision, it is insufficient that actions be merely well-meant — they must indeed be well-founded too.

WHETHER the minister's obligation to exercise his discretion judiciously

is enforceable in the courts is, admittedly, unclear. It is arguable that the almost unfettered jurisdiction conferred upon the President in the exercise of his clemency powers should not apply to the ministerial recommendation (the minister, of course, cannot claim immunity from process). However, the rejection of the petition submitted to the High Court to annul the Bension pardon may add weight to the contrary view.

On the other hand, the minister's responsibility before the Knesset is undeniable (this being the justification of his role in the first place). And a minister can hardly defend a misguided act (much less his own misguided act) on the basis of his good faith alone.

We are thus compelled to return to the question: Was Mr. Begin's judgment in this case well-founded? And the answer is, manifestly not. The prison release committee — or parole board — had considered Bension's health on 18 occasions, and its refusal to find grounds in the medical reports for ordering his release was upheld by the Supreme Court. Now surely the government did not designate the Justice Minister as the one to countersign presidential pardons in order to allow him, of all ministers, to make a mockery of the judicial process?

Mrs. Lankin states that the considerations for exercising clemency "are completely divorced from those by which the parole boards should be moved." They may indeed be so divorced, for the clemency power is much wider than that of the parole board; but in this case the commutation of sentence was granted on the same grounds that were rejected, time and again, by the board (and the courts).

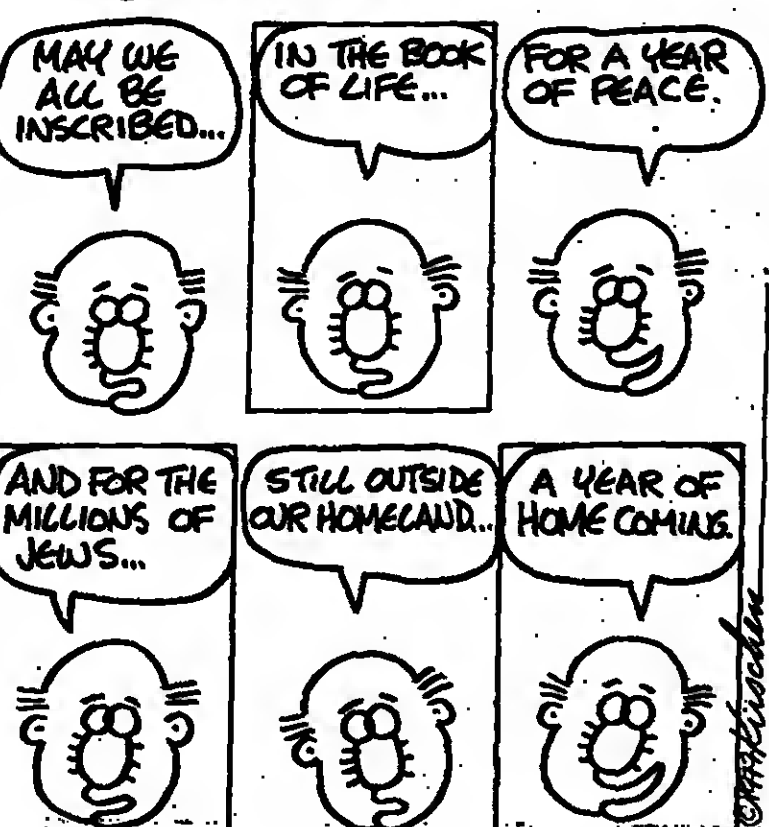
Nor is it a question of "bowing" to the courts; the clemency power is there to supplement the decisions of the courts, in particular by modifying a sentence where the lapse of time since the original judgment has resulted in a change of circumstances. (Such intervention may even occur at the behest of a court that is powerless to impose the sentence it deems appropriate, as in the case of mandatory penalties.) The clemency power was not designed so that the government — or even the President — could reject decisions of the judiciary by substituting its own interpretation of the same facts — even if such an exercise of clemency is formally valid.

Finally, a note on the protestations of innocent Bension. It is true that a prisoner's guilt is a ground for pardon. Israel the other hand, provides for a retrial in such cases prisoners claim to be innocent Bension, with the assistance of legal advisers, would have better positioned than most to justify such proceedings in aid.

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DR. YOSEF BURG, the Minister of Interior and Police, has argued that

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READERS' LETTERS

BEN-GURION AIRPORT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Our experience in Israel in the early morning of August 9 on the road to Ben-Gurion Airport was both the worst and most memorable event of our three weeks stay.

Some 600 cars at El Al scheduled us to leave at 4 a.m. on August 9. This made the 8th a very long day indeed. By the time we set out for the airport for the security check at 2 a.m. my wife and I were very tired. The last thing we needed was trouble with the

Avie car. But Murphy's law was in full operation. At 1.30 a.m. on the road between Tel Aviv and Lod, the car expired. The Avis office being closed at that hour, I could not

phone for help.

So there we were, two forlorn American tourists in the hour-docks. In America, we would still be there. But along comes our good Israeli Samaritan. First he tried to fix the car. Then when he found he couldn't, he moved our luggage to his car, pushed our car out of the way and took us to the airport.

At the airport, he absolutely refused to accept any money and only at our stubborn insistence did he give us his name and address: Moshe Shamir of Lod. He is the kind of ambassador of goodwill we all need.

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pressed into the back of your neck. One man endured this for a few hours and finally, overcome by fatigue, curled up on the ground at the feet of his fellow passengers.

I had heard in England (which shows how far the reputation of Ben-Gurion Airport had spread) of these conditions but I had no idea they were so bad or that the planners of the airport were so lacking in common sense and imagination. This is not a request for luxury, but simply a plea to remove these penitential stools so absurdly placed against iron bars and replace them with comfortable seats for passengers who have a long time to wait.

A.E. EMERSON

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MODERN PLAGUE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The automobile approach to Jerusalem from the airport has always been a balm to the eyes. Upon returning to the city for the first time in 18 months, I was appalled to see the landscape desecrated by two billboards. Can the Government do nothing to prevent this? If not, I suggest the public shun the offending advertisers like the plague. They should be made to understand that fouling the Jerusalem Hills makes enemies, not friends.

HERSHEL BEANKS

Washington, D.C.

SHELL'S POSITION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Following Shell's abstention in the recent Knesset political debate on the paragraph of the DMG resolution concerning the PLO, I would like to clarify our position in the matter.

Shell supports negotiations with the PLO on condition they are based on mutual recognition. Our movement supports a solution which will lead to peace in the framework of a contractual agreement with the Arab states and the Palestinian political entity which will then arise. The independent Palestinian entity will decide the nature of its relationship with Jordan and the character of its sovereignty according to the wishes of its residents. Of course, we are talking of a political entity alongside the State of Israel.

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WE ARE NOT a people famous for its sense of proportion. Every little event and occurrence is immediately blown out of all proportion by a sensation-seeking press; and the public, which draws its knowledge and indignation — from the media, and is not in a position to check the facts, is often plunged into a state of hyper-excitement. As we have seen recently, the ugly atmosphere that is created can affect even so exalted and prestigious an institution as our judiciary.

Last August, Police Inspector General Tavori, in an attempt to ward off an attack against inefficiency in the force, blamed the courts for releasing prisoners on bail and thus giving them the freedom to continue their life of crime while awaiting trial.

In an official statement Justice Sussman, the distinguished President of the Supreme Court, declared, after having been subjected to the degradation and humiliation of weeks in one of our notorious lock-ups.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of innocent citizens have been subjected to such traumatic experiences, which undoubtedly leave ineradicable marks on them. Most of them would not think of complaining as all they want to do is to forget the nightmare. But even if they wanted to complain, what redress would they have?

Most unfortunately, this is indeed true. And with all due respect to Justice Sussman, and to the illustrious institution which he represents, his statement was an admission that the courts are failing to fulfil one of their sacred functions; the protection of the citizen against the understandable, but often exaggerated, zeal of the police.

IN ANY common-law country a suspect is generally released on bail after he has been interrogated by the police, unless he is suspected of having committed a serious crime of

violence. In Israel, magistrates remand suspects for 15 days in what has almost become an "assembly line" process, and automatically renew the remand for another 15 days upon the request of the police, which is usually based on the specious grounds that the suspects might intimidate witnesses.

But it is a well-known fact (to the country's lawyers at least) that the majority of such persons are later released without being charged, after having been subjected to the degradation and humiliation of weeks in one of our notorious lock-ups.

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PEOPLE suspected of offences such as graft and embezzlement, for which they would not be kept in prison until trial in any other civilized country, are retained in custody in Israel until the final verdict is handed down by the courts. This may take anything from six months to a year.

If they are eventually acquitted, to whom should they turn for compensation for the mental and physical anguish, the shame and humiliation which they suffered in prison, for the loss of precious months of freedom and health, and for the permanent

social stigma attached "inland"?

It is hardly any doubt as to the impact of this apparent inequity of the courts, to the sure not only that the punished but also that safeguards exist against victimization of the innocent. We need only turn again to the distinguished President of the Supreme Court.

In dismissing an appeal the Tel Aviv District Court to release Asher Yadlin Justice Sussman stated, clearly, that he was doing so to had to take account of public. Now, no one will deny that must be alive to circumstances, to crime was the special measures to fight them. But they dare process, sacrifice knowledge, tolerance and

Our judges must not be by hysterical and criticism, as this must have an effect on even balanced and incorruptible men. But at the same time not allow themselves, in an understandable sentimentality, to forget that it is not the only — against the violation of the citizen's human rights.

And no member of the press — dare it tomorrow he could be detained and remanded in prison for shame and his police lock-ups, as have of his innocent fellow-citizens.

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